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Election choice is smiles or tears says Major

JOHN MAJOR staked out the freeing up more funds for ground for a presidential-style general election campaign yes-terday, accusing Tony Blair of hypecrisy over beggars and inviting voters to choose be-

tween "smiles and tears". He reacted furiously to Mr "zero tolerance" approach to Labour leader had accused him of being petty and vindictive for promising action on the problem. "Labour's hypoc-"It's a policy of zero detail and

But Mr Biair's aides swiftly countered with the claim that he, too, had favoured tough gars two years ago.

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The bitter exchanges marked the start of campaigning in earnest for a poll expected on March 20, April 10 or May 1. Mr Blair, who is said to be happy to take on the Prime Minister in a head-to-head contest, will make his new year pitch today with a document setting out the priorities

for a Labour government. The document will emphasise Mr Blair's achievements since becoming his party's leader and contrast them with what it says is Mr Major's weak leadership of a party incapable of being led. "Our claim is that Blair gets things done because he is in charge of his party and that Major gets things done to him because his party is out of control," a Labour strategist said.

Yesterday, however, Mr Major was in confident form. at the first of a series of White House style press conferences. The three great issues for the election would be the economy, Europe and Labour's plans for constitutional re-form he said. He promised to pilot the economy to success.

MP Hayes sues

Lawyers for MP Jerry Hayes have served a libel writ on the

News of the World over claims about a gay affair.

that at risk, he said. "We have smiles and lears. I hope and ears. It would be very foolish" if the extremely bright outlook were thrown away.

wait and see policy towards the single currency - although he has not privately stance before election day. Friends said later that Mr

Major's relaxed mood came from his relief that the election was approaching and his determination to take control of events. There will be more carefully stage-managed occacarettusy stage-manageu occa-sions such as yesterday's, and today he will seek to emphasise his statesman role when he leaves for a six-day tour of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Nice little earner, page 4



I hate the way these politicians have to beg for people's votes"

Branson takes off without his 'insurance' RICHARD BRANSON'S at-

tempt to be the first man to fly anywhere'." a balloon non-stop around the world was launched yesterday as his towering 200ft helium Virgin Challenger rose against the snow-capped Atlas The balloon took off at

11.18am with Mr Branson, 46, Per Lindstrand, 46, and their 11th-hour substitute co-pilot. Alex Ritchie, on board. Mr Rory McCarthy, 36, the world civilian skydiving champion, had to stay behind because of a lung infection which doctors feared could turn to

As the only one of the crew who has jumped from a balloon at a height of 35,000ft. Mr McCarthy would have been responsible for Mr Branson's safety in the event of abandoning the craft by parachute

Mr Ritchie's wife, Jill, a primary school teacher in Harwich, Essex, said that she had not yet come to terms with: the 6.45am telephone call from her husband to break the news. He had had more

tine. "When I rang her, she Atlas Mountains towards Al- him: "I will be OK. Don't hours after take-off, Mr you've phoned your mother and she said you're not going

A carnival atmosphere per vaded Marrakesh as the final checks were carried out to the 11.5-ton capsule and envelope. More than 100 traditional Berber dancers chanted, cheered, banged drums and clashed cymbals during a sixhour countdown from dawn until take-off. Horsemen with ceremonial muskets paraded the Union Jack and helicop-

ters hovered overhead. In the ancient pink-walled city. Moroccans danced in the street and pointed to the sky as the balloon made its stately progress southwest over the that could take it 24,000 miles. King Hassan of Morocco watched the launch from his palace at Rahat after putting

his air force and gendarmerie at Mr Branson's disposal. There were emotional scenes at the launch site as Mr Branson bade farewell to his family. He hugged his wife Joan, 50, and said: "Love you, see you in a few weeks." As Mrs Branson wiped away tears, he said to his daughter Holly, 14: "Good luck at school." Sam, his il-year-old son, clung to his father as he

prepared to board the cansule

which is to be his home for the

next three weeks. Mr Branson

husband's most daring adventure so far, said after the launch: "I am feeling very, very nervous. We are all numb. None of us know what to think." Mr Branson's parents, Eve, 78, and Ted, 79, also watched the launch.

return."

What is believed to be the biggest balloon ever built --Mr Lindstrand designed and built it at his factory in Oswestry, Shropshire - rose at a rate of 1,500ft a minute for the first 10,000ft after dawn heralded perfect weather for the long-awaited ascent. Eight

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Mrs Branson, who has ex-

pressed misgivings about her

still heading for the jet stream that would propel them from a steady 30mph to 120mph. Staff at the "command centre" in Kensington said that Mr Branson was hoping to hit the jet stream just off Algeria.

A spokesman for the organisation said: "If all goes to plan, he should be skirting the east coast of Africa at 30,000ft this morning having travelled around 2,000 miles."

three men in the balloon and people on the ground was between Mr Lindstrand and his colleagues at his office. He was heard to ask them where they had stored the toilet paper "because Alex could not find it".

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Richard Branson, with all the final checks made, waves farewell to his wife, Joan

Rescuers may reach lone British yachtsman today

By EDWARD GORMAN IN LONDON AND ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk



ly confident yesterday that the British solo yachısman Tony Bullimore, who is missing in the Southern Ocean, is alive and awaiting rescue after the capsize of his boat on Sunday. Yesterday the Australian Air Force again flew over both his yacht. Exide Challenger, and that of Frenchman Thierry Dubois, who capsized ten

RESCUERS were increasing-

miles away in a position about 1,400 miles southwest of Perth. Both yachts are upside down and Bullimore's has lost its keel. Rescuers hope to reach both men today or tomorrow. Although there was no sign mode. This is giving a position of Bullimore during repeated about 15 miles from the up-

low-level passes by the RAAF turned hull yesterday, sug-Orion aircraft, the organisers of the Vendee Globe singlehanded non-stop round-the-world race believe that he is inside the hull and alive.

Philippe Jeantot, the race director, said in Paris that Bullimore had three emergency radio beacons on board his 60ft yacht. One was on deck in a box next to his survival kit and the liferaft. This had not been switched on, suggesting Bullimore had not tried to use his liferaft. The second is also on deck and is working, but was transmitting in normal mode. This is giving a position

gesting it may have been ripped off when the boat

The third is inside the boat and it is this one which Bullimore has switched on to alarm mode after the capsize, something which can only be done manually, indicating very strongly that he is sheltering inside the hull.

The Australian navy frigate Adelaide, which is steaming to the area, has been slowed by the difficult conditions. The plan is to launch the ship's helicopter as soon as it is in range and try to pick up the

Gingrich wins fight to remain Speaker

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH last night won his fight to remain Speaker of America's House of Representatives, the first Republican to be re-elected to the post in 68 years.

He triumphed after two weeks of intense lobbying. despite ethical questions hanging over him and the opposition of a handful of leading Republicans. Democrats said later that

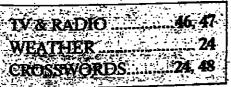
they regarded him as damaged goods, and that his position would be further undermined during the next two weeks, as ethics committee hearings reveal further details of charges against him.

The Speaker normally has

power to set the legislative agenda but Democrats, who plan to harry Mr Gingrich, speculated that he might be forced to resign within Mr Gingrich won 216 votes

compared to 205 for Richard Gephardt, leader of the House Democrats. Four Republicans voted for other candidates. Although Mr Gingrich won a majority of those present, he did not get a majority of the total 435 members of the House. But a Democratic challenge on those grounds was rejected by the clerk of the

Gingrich apology, page 10



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Campaign chiefs from all parties have pencilled in three election options

Major plays the tease over his date with voters

BY PHILIP WERSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CAMPAIGN planners in all the political parties have ringed three possible general election dates on their calendars. If the poll is not held on March 20, April 10 or May I. John Major will have again surprised them all.

Yesterday the Prime Ministime came, it would be a flot of fun". And he teased that "a bit of pleasure deferred is a greater pleasure", without intending any hint as to the day he will choose. The three dates have their supporters at all

levels of his party.
In recent weeks Tory strategists. Cabinet ministers and backbenchers have been heard stoutly defending the merits of them all. If anything, the April 10 option appears to be hardening at Conservative Central Office: equally there is nothing to suggest that Mr Major has moved from his personal preference of May I.

Each date appears to have its attractions for leading Tories, whether they are pessimistic or optimistic about their chances. Optimists such as Mr Major favour May I because it offers the longest possible time to maximise the attack on Labour. The pessimists believe that a poll then is the only way of saving the remnants of the Tory local

government base: local elections are on the same day and a general election will at least will bring out activists who might not bother if the party is already out of government.

The March 20 optimists believe that Mr Major can retain control of events, by going at a time of his choosing rather than having to hold on to the last possible moment. The pessimists feel that, given the record of recent years, the longer the Parliament goes the worse it will be for the Tories.

An important factor is the meeting of the Conservative Central Council - the second most important Tory gathering of the year - in Bath on March 14 and 15. If an election has not been called by then, Mr Major will be under huge pressure to spell out his intentions.

By the end of February he could have called an election for April 10 and be able to use the council as a rallying point during the campaign. Alternatively he could announce a May I poll and use the meeting as a springboard for a

six-week campaign.
The keenest interest in the dates is being shown by the Tory leadership contenders and their coteries. If the Tories lose, the date will be crucial to whether a leader-

MARCH 20

by starting the campaign almost immediately, he can build up momentum seamlessly. Reduces Labour

opportunities for using the breakdown of MPs' pairing

arrangements in the Commons to inflict defeats and even

force a confidence vote. Counters suggestions that Tories are

"running scared" and spikes guns of Opposition parties

demanding a hy-election in Wirral South, which has been

vacant since November. Pessimists warn that dragging on

until May will alienate floating voters and increase margin

of Tory defeat. Introduces an element of surprise, albeit

AGAINST Election defeat in March or April would deter Tory activists from campaigning

towards May I elections for local councils, where party is

already at an all-time low. Early dissolution of Parliament

could sabotage key pieces of contentious legislation such as

the Firearms Bill. Police (Sentences) Bill. and even the

Budget-enacting Finance Bill if they face serious opposition

and run out of Parliamentary time. Poor weather likely to

blight campaign and deter elderly voters - who are more

likely to vote Tory — from turning out to polling stations. Would force the party to cancel Conservative Central Council meeting planned for March 14 and 15.

John Major looks to be in charge of events and,

ship election is held swiftly or left until the autumn. Supporters of John Redwood, who challenged Mr Major in 1995. believe that their man will have the best chance in a poll before the summer recess. If The Tories lose heavily,

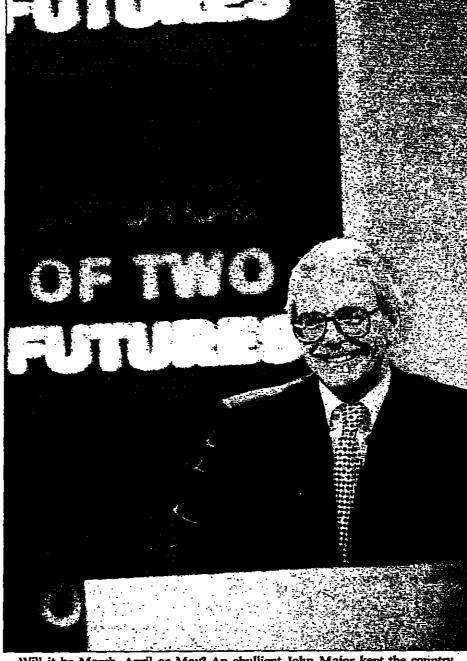
Mr Major might want to go quickly, but party elders will want him to hang on until the autumn to allow for an orderly transition and other candidates to get their campaigns running. A Tory party leadership election cannot take place until at least three months after the assembly of the new Parliament. If the general election is on March 20, Parliament would assemble very early in April, allowing for a new Tory leader to be

chosen in July.

The "Stop Redwood" Tories might therefore prefer a later date; April 10 or May I would almost certainly rule out a leadership contest before the Dorrell, Michael Howard. Malcolm Rifkind, Michael Portillo, Michael Heseltine, Gillian Shephard and Kenneth Clarke would have a

busier holiday than usual.

Mr Major had no such thoughts yesterday. He said that he was looking forward to the next campaign after five more years in government.



Will it be March, April or May? An ebullient John Major kept the country guessing yesterday at the first of his presidential-style press conferences

APRIL 10

Expected to reduce Labour-dominated student FOR Expected to reduce Labour-dominated student vote in several key Tory marginals as undergraduates are at home during the Easter holiday. Allows John Major to use the mid-March Conservative Central Council meeting as a springboard to the campaign. Such a move would mirror the tactics of the 1992 general election. when Mr Major used the Central Council as the campaign launchpad days after announcing the election date. Allows lengthy election campaign and the hope of echoing the success of April 9 in 1992, in which Major's campaigning tactics helped to confound pollsters' predictions of a Labour victory. If called early enough, say the beginning of March, it would snuff out rising Opposition demands for a by-election to be held in the vacant Wirral South.

AGAINST Will come as millions of home-owners on annually reviewed mortgages receive higher bills, negating "feel-good" factor. Defeat in March or in advance of May I local elections, in which the party will start from a low point after the corresponding 1993 council poll. Some strategists argue that fears over the local elections are defeatist. Senior Tories are nervous about the effectiveness of campaigning around Easter, when many voters are away on holiday.

Pessimists expecting a big to a this date as the way of getting out Tory voters for Pessimists expecting a big Tory defeat favour local elections on the same day and preventing a Conservative wipe-out in town halls. Stretches resources of the Liberal Democrats, who face heavy commitments defending council seats, limiting their ability to concentrate on "target" parliamentary seats. Optimists say the date offers maximum time for expected economic improvement to show. Will come after voters receive first benefits of income tax cuts in April pay packets. Gives Government more time to complete legislative programme. Better weather for campaigning and encouraging voters to turn out.

AGAINST Interest rate rises expected over coming two months will have fed through to mortgages during late March and April. Europe will become a more dominant, and potentially divisive issue as European Union leaders prepare for the Amsterdam summit in June. John Major would be seen as taking almos the last possible date, reinforcing the image of a beleaguered government clinging on for dear life. The longer he delays an election, the more likely he is to go into a Commons minority, whether by death or defection. Labour pressure for Wirral South by-election will have intensified in the run-up to the campaign.

Lack of inspiration evident in echoes of past failure

THE Tories could hardly say better the devil you know after their demonic eyes poster last summer. But that was the essence of the long pre-election campaign they launched yesterday. Contrasting the Tories' record and experience with the uncertainties and dangers of an untried Labour team may register with voters. It might not be a bad case for a Government seeking a second. or even third, term, but I doubt if it will be sufficient for one wanting an unprecedent-

ed fifth successive term. John Major personilies the strengths and weaknesses of the Tory appeal. He gave a confident and relaxed performance in the first of his pre election press conferences. He was the pragmatic manager. the man who knows how to cope with the vicissitudes of an unpredictable world. He was persuasive on Northern Ireland, Europe and the economy. He is always better as the reasonable head of government than as the sometimes strident party leader.

Mr Major presented his Stanley Baldwin side, the safe pair of hands. Indeed, there were clear echoes of Baldwin's "Safety First" slogan during

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

the 1929 election in the the Tories' talk yesterday about ensuring that "stability and continue. The snag is that this can sound complacent. After all, the Tories lost in 1929.

Admittedly, the new Tory poster campaign, "New Lab-our, it would all end in tears". highlights the Opposition's vulnerablity on tax and public spending and on constitutional reform. It is a legitimate question to ask whether a Blair government would take

the tough economic decisions that the Tories implemented. But managerialism is not enough. The Tories lost the

benefit of the doubt with the public after the traumas that followed Black Wednesday. The Tories cannot just rely on fear of the unknown - "smiles not tears". Mr Major was coy about his plans for the next Parliament, saying they would emerge later. He has previously said that ordinary voters are not interested in the radical ideas that fascinate the pundits but primarily want competence and stability.

These objectives are obviously a pre-condition for any government's success, but the Tories need to offer more positive reasons for keeping the party in office. How would the party use power? Mr Major noted vesterday that it had been "hellishly difficult" to cut public spending and more unpopular decisions would be needed. But what does this mean for the welfare state? Would a re-elected Tory Government challenge spend-ing programmes which partic-

ularly benefit the middle

classes? How far would it extend choice in schools?

In short, what has been missing in Mr Major's recent performances - and in the Tory campaign — is a spark of inspiration and excitement, an answer to the "time for a change" argument. It is not enough for Mr Major to claim that good times have at last come and they should not be put at risk now. The public needs to have an idea of whata Tory Britain would be like in five years' time. More of the same is not enough.

PETER RIDDELL

From No 10 to **Bustee No 162** as PM plays the great game

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI AND PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

FROM Calcutta to the Khyber, people are preparing for John Major. The Prune Minister will risk the inevitable "Carry On" headlines when he visits the Khyber Pass, gateway to the Indian subcontinent, as part of his six-day tour of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, which

starts today.

In Calcutta he will see a collection of uncommonly smart huts known as Bustee. Number 162 just off Pienie Garden in Kipling's City of Darkest Night, whose residents are being taught "Good morning, sir" and Thank your.

These are no ordinary huts: there are no festering rubbish tips here, no rats, no stinking drains. The British sonang drams. The british taxpayer, through the Overseas Development Administration, has been funding a beautification drive. Mr. Major may catch a whift of the real city beyond, but he will not be allowed to see it at clear hand.

Next week he will head to the Khyber Pass in Pakistan. The tribesmen he will see lugging rifles through the dusty village streets knownothing but tribal law; they are aggressive, inde-pendent and acutely aware of their role in defeating the British when they foolishly ventured beyond the Khy-ber into Afghanistan in the last century.

This is the heart of the Great Game, as Kipling called the battle for influence between Russia and Britain. It still bears the insignia of British regiments painted on the rocks, survivors of sand storms. monsoons and heat. This is where invaders poured into India for centuries from Afghanistan and Central Asia: a gateway to war. Mr Major might spot a rabbit skin swinging outside one or two shopfronts, inside, slabs of marijuana as big as loaves will be on sale.

If he had more time he might take a trip to the nearby town of Darra, where Afridi tribesmen make copies of Kalashnikovs, handguns, rocket launchers and other weapons for terrorist around the region.

Mr Major leaves London equipped with nothing more

threatening than an army of business people, although there will be more of them than have ever accompanied the Prime Minister before The 50-strong team will include Sir Iain Vallance of BT: Robert Ayling, of British Airways and Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry; as well as Ian Lang the President of the

Board of Trade In Calcutta tomorrow Mi Major is expected to address an audience of 10,000 delegates at a Confederation of Indian Industry

The Prime Minister has surprised many of his political and government advisers ity taking off on a longdistance trip with the



election possibly only weeks away and his backbench troops deeply uneasy about their prospects. But Downing Street officials made plain that Mr Major wanted to continue his efforts to improve Britain's trade links and play an early part in this year's celebra-tions of the fiftieth anniversary of India and Pakistan's

His visit to Pakistan comes at a deeply sensitive time with elections pending after the ousting of Benazir Bhutto's government. Mr Major is determined to take an even-handed approach and is expected to meet Mrs Bhutto her main rival. Nawaz Sharif, the former prime minister, and Neraj Khalid, the caretaker ori

minister. There are no plans for Mr Major to see another of the candidates in the Pakistani election: Imran Khan, the former Test cricketer and son-in-law of Sir James Goldsmith, leader of the Referendum Party.

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The Knyber Pass looking towards Afghanistan, where John Major may meet armed tribesmen

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Britain urged to give ground in EU talks

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN THE HAGUE

IOHN MAJOR was urged by European leaders last night to press ahead with negotiations for revamping the European undermining its historic mission to take in the countries of the former Communist blue.

The message of urgency was emphasised repeatedly by Jacques Santer. President of the European Commission, as Mr Major arrived for talks with Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, Mr Kok, who has just taken over the chair of the EU's rotating presidency. was seeking to persuade Mr. Major to give some ground at the inter-governmental conference (IGC), the negotiation to resamp the Maastricht treaty.



Santer: sticking to his enlargement strategy

British elections could make it impossible to finish the treaty until late in the year.

"We want to negotiate very seriously with the British Government in the few months ahead of us," Mr Kok said,

back and wait to see what happens after the elections. We cannot afford the luxury of The IGC is due to close with a new treaty at an Amsterdam summit in June, preparing the EU for expansion to take in up to 11 new members early in the next century. The treaty will

central Europe. Mr Kok said that it would be "unforgiveable" to imply that Britain was the only obstacle to completing the new treaty, because the other 14 states are widely divided onkey issues. However, he and Mr Santer made clear that Britain was the main obstacle to a new treaty. Among other

start the countdown to mem-

hership talks within six

months with countries from

national veto and measures to harmonise border and crime policy. Mr Major was telling Mr Kok that he was keeping all bridges open to the EU and Britain would stay active at the negotiations, but it would not yield on any of the demands which it has laid down. Mr Santer noted that

sion to end the division created by the Cold War and embrace the countries to the east. He recalled that Britain was a strong supporter of enlargement. "We are sticking to the strategy of enlargement," he said. This is the last chance. Let us not allow ourselves to become paralysed by elections in a member state."

Europe had an historic mis-

Mr Kok said that he had invited Mr Major to try to find areas in which Britain could

opposing any dilution of the negotiate to clear some of the tion. Formally launching the Dutch presidency of the EU. he promised to work for a new treaty that deepened integration in all fields, from employment policy to crime-fighting

and foreign policy.

The key to the future shape of Europe would be machin-ery for a flexible union, he said. "It is necessary to prevent slower countries from holding back those that want to move ahead more quickly. Mr Kok said he would tell

Mr Major that he believed a multispeed scheme would answer British objections. The Government has given qualified support to such proposals but it refuses to give up the right to veto the creation of groups seeking closer

Prime Minister denies seeking EMU

things. Britain is alone in

BY JILL SHERMAN CRIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR insisted yesterday that he was not looking for some "clever dodge" to change the Government's wait-and-see policy on joining a single

The Prime Minister said he would not budge from the Cabinet policy of keeping open Britain's options on joining the first wave of economic monetary union. But he made clear

that if other European Union countries wanted to fudge the economic criteria or proceeding with a single currency. Britain would advise them not to go ahead, and would certainly not join them if they did.

That would be damaging for Europe as a whole if the scheme went ahead on that basis. Mr Major said at his press

The Prime Minister is still under pressure from several Cabinet ministers to take a tougher line on EMU and to rule out Britain's entry in a first wave before the general election. But yesterday he signalled that Britain would be unable to judge the economic. criteria until the end of this year or the beginning of next, a line recently pushed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr Major said that the Cabinet was exploring the best basis on which to judge whether economic criteria were being fudged and that a report would be produced by the Treasury within

four weeks. Some of his colleagues are hoping that he will be able to use the report to rule out a single currency at the eleventh hour, if there is evidence that this could make a crucial difference to the election result.

He hoped for progress on EU matters at last night's talks with Wim Kok Prime Minister of The Netherlands, which holds the EU presidency. However, Mr Major said he would reiterate a number of points that Britain could not accept.

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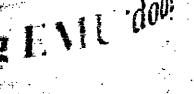
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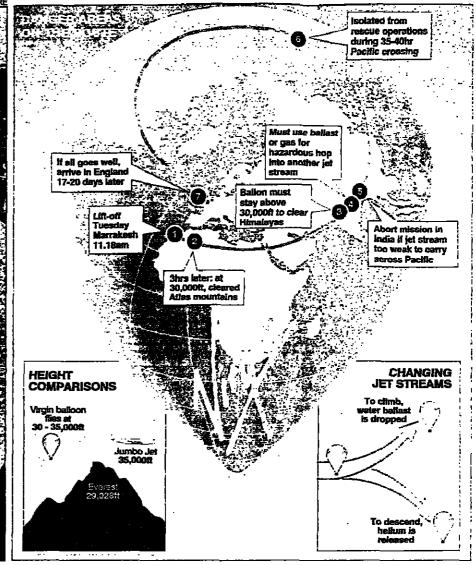




This trip is like juggling soot underwater, blindfold. Not knowing where you'll land is the romance'

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Richard Branson bidding farewell to his wife Joan, son Sam and daughter Holly. "Love you, see you in a few weeks," was his message to his wife. Wiping away tears he told his daughter: "Good luck at school this term

Branson clears first hurdle heading into 250mph winds

By Kathryn Knight

FROM the moment that Global Challenger left the ground at 11.18am yesterday, it was being precisely monitored thousand of miles away by communication and aviation experts in a hotel room in west London For them, the balloon's rise

signailed the start of up to three weeks of constant tracking and liaison with the threeman crew. Up to a dozen people will work round the clock in the three-room command centre on the ninth floor. of the Royal Garden Hotel in

Jill Ritchie, a primary school teacher in Harwich. Essex, said that when her husband rang to tell her he would be replacing Rory Mc-Carthy as a crew member: course you cannot avoid a

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Roxy McCarthy with Richard Branson after he learnt he would not make the trip; Alex Ritchie, who is replacing him; and his wife Jill, who could not believe the news

He sounded excited but was obviously trying to suppress it. I had very mixed feelings. I day morning to say he had seen the balloon take off on was so shocked at first as it was so unexpected. Then I thought of the poor chap who has had to drop out. And of

had taken off, as I felt the first certain amount of worry." It hurdle has been safely cleared, was not until her son Alistair, 23, telephoned her late yester-

but then I thought, Good gracious, he's up there." The balloon will cross 70 countries. Last year, when the

voyage was called off because

team had failed to secure permission to cross the air-space of Libya and China. This time approval has been granted for all countries.

After takeoff the Challenger entered jetstreams at 30,000ft where winds of up to 250mph

will carry it from west to east, without the crew feeling they are moving. There is a fear that when it crosses Canada it could be sucked into the Arctic, As the balloon gained its flying height of between 30,000-35,000ft, its first tricky

manoeuvre was over the Atlas mountains. Having cleared them, the crew's aim was to force their way into a jetstream to carry them east. Ninety minutes after Challenger took off a Cessna

technical and television crew, took off from Marrakesh. In the London control room, a modern flashes the latitude

and longitude of the balloon to within three metres every 30 seconds, via a global positioning satellite.

Yet despite the technology. the fundamental unpredictability of the exercise lends an edginess to the command centre. "You can plan the route to a certain extent, but really, this balloon trip is like jug gling soot underwater, blindfold," Mark Lockwood, the project co-ordinator, said. But that's the romance of ballooning. Who knows where it will end up?"

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Mock hangings for jail hostages

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PRISON officers were subject- the Prison Officers' Association, said the six prisoners ed to mock hangings as they were very volatile and danger-ous individuals. They were were held hostage by prisoners during a three-day siege at . Mountjoy jail in Dublin. The crisis ended peacefully housed in a separation unit within the prison because they argued with other prisoners

late on Monday, but the four officers were being treated for trauma yesterday. John Lonergan, the prison gover-nor, said the men had suffered. greatly at the hands of the six and assault. inmates involved.

The prisoners, who include Paul Ward, charged with con-spiring to murder the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin, devised numerous ways of threatening the officers over a 50-hour period. On Monday they forced two officers to stand on a table and put nooses around their necks. ous demands. Mr Ward was They counted down to a hanging and said they would kill the men unless their

demands were met. The prisoners were armed with metal chair legs and a blood-filled syringe, a clear threat in a prison where Aids and drug abuse are rife. According to prison sources, all six prisoners are intravenous drug users and at least two are believed to be HIVpositive. They requested, and were given, a legally prescribed heroin substitute dur-

Nora Owen, the Irish Justice Minister, said her depart-ment would conduct a full review of security at the prison. She said the six prisoners involved in the hostage taking would face "the full rigours of ing the hostage crisis. Tom Hoare, spokesman of

By A STAFF REPORTER

A WEALTHY Harrods customer never

his credit card account in three months, a

Al Sharif Al Hussein appeared to have

Michael Holland, for the prosecution,

told Harrow Crown Court. "It was a

to be left out of pocket, the court was told.

goldmine for the fraudsters," he said. Police investigating the fraud found municrous illegal transactions had been nung up on his account. Visits to

kets and Harrods were listed.

an almost bottomless credit card limit.

court was told yesterday.



By MICHAEL HORSNELL

Shadows' guitarist Hank Marvin has been found dead in his room at a YMCA hostel in north London where he lived the life of a recluse for five years.

Acquaintances of Dean and attacked prison officers. Marvin, 35, the godson of Sir Cliff Richard, claimed he had Five were serving sentences for violent crimes, including manslaughter, kidnapping died of a drug overdose in the £15-a-week room where he Mr Lonergan said police was found on Monday, although the cause of death will and the army came close on a number of occasions to stormnot be known until a posting the recreation room where the officers were being held. mortem examination is held today. He was a solitary man He said the prison negotiating in poor health who was alteam, who were trained in ways reluctant to speak about



Hank Marvin: shocked and saddened by death

Sixty-nine other customers of the Harrods eather goods department lost £85,000. Interesting the state of the Harrods to talk a successful — failed transactions totalled more than £75,000. He told

Harrods customer 'did not notice

£120,000 spent by card fraudsters'

leather goods department lost £85,000.

noticed that criminals spent £120,000 on ess from Hendon, north London, denies

rung up on his account. Visits to ried out not only through innocent menswear stores, restaurants, supermar-retailers but "collusive" traders — mainly

Elizabeth John, 31, a Harrods manager-

one charge of conspiracy to defraud. Mr

Holland said Miss John's brother Koshy.

He said that Miss John took home 1.500

receipts containing customers' credit card details, which were examined to identify

high-limit accounts. Others in the ring

encoded the information on to bogus

cards and illegal transactions were car-

in the West Midlands - were brought in

29, had admitted the charge.

Mr Al Hussein was not the only person on the scheme, he said. Which she allegedly the form of person of the court was told. Mr Holland said the fraudsters were The trial continues.

THE estranged son of the the early 1960s when his father commanded the heights of public adulation.

Hank Marvin, 55, who divorced Dean's mother, Billie, and remarried 27 years ago before emigrating to Australia in the Eighties, was said by his British representative Brian Goode to be 'very shocked and very saddened".

Mr Goode did not know when Hank Marvin, who is due to begin a lengthy concert tour of Britain in March with his son by his second marriage, last saw Dean or whether he would attend his funeral. Sir Cliff, who was rehearsing in Manchester for the

opening of his musical Heathcliff, said: "It doesn't matter who the victim is — it's a sad indictment of society when people die in this way. course when the person is known to you and, although I haven'i seen Dean since Hank's family split in the late Sixties, my sympathy goes out to his mum and dad who, I

know, must be devastated." Ben Badejo, manager of the hostel in Hornsey, said: "Dean was generally OK with everyone and seemed pleasant enough. He wasn't a bad person. I never saw his family visit or heard him talking

the jury the first hint of the fraud came in

November 1993 when police, trailing a man in Birmingham in connection with

another matter, saw him dump some-

thing in a waste bin. Closer examination

revealed a number of Harrods receipts

Similar material was found in another

litter bin four months later. It was not

until January 1995 that police caught up

with Koshy John, and through him his

receipts and other documents were found.

which she allegedly had no right to take.

When her home was searched the

and counterfeit credit cards.

sister, the jury was told.

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Blair is a nice little earner for vagrants of King's Cross

TONY BLAIR may never put his hand in his pocket for them but the homeless of King's Cross had ample reason to be grateful to the Labour leader yesterday.

Regulars who work the station for handouts, such as John Lee, 54, were appalled that Mr Blair wants them to be cleared from the streets but were paid handsomely yester-day to articulate their disgust for the television crews that descended on King's Cross.

"We don't scare people, we don't ask for money. We just sit here looking cold and people chuck us a few coins." Mr Lee said. "We rarely get insulted and the worst we face is being moved on by the police, but we all know each other so there is never any

Counting the morning's takings. Mr Lee took a fortifying draught from his can of lager and declared that Mr Blair had been good for business yesterday.

Most commuters who stopped to throw some money in Mr Lee's woollen hat evi-dently had more sympathy for

oblivious to them.

MAJOR v BLAIR

Tory officials yesterday accused Tony Blair of hypocrist

after the Prime Minister claimed to have backed so-called

zero tolerance policies two years ago and been criticised

for it. Mr Major said: "It will be interesting to see what

they have to say today since Mr Blair has now said, two years after me, precisely the same thing."

Mr Major, in May 1994 in an interview with the Bristol

Evening Post during the Eastleigh by election campaign,

said: "It is not acceptable to be out on the street. There is

no justification for it. The problem about begging is as

Mr Blair, then Shadow Home Secretary, said in

response: "The real criticism of what the Prime Minister

has done [in attacking beggars] is not only its vindictiveness against some who will be genuinely destitute, it is the notion that this is what we should be

concentrating on. It is the pettiness and small-mindedness of it which will affront people and

bewilder them when there are such massive problems to

tackle, and when the Prime Minister appears to be

However. Mr Blair also said that aggressive beggars

who "push people against the wall and demand money

effectively with menaces" should be dealt with firmly.

old as the hills. It is very offensive to many people

him than the Labour leader. Michael Hardman, an accounts manager from Bushey. Hertfordshire, said: "These people don't intimidate you and sitting out in this cold is hard work to me. Tony Blair's remarks came across as cheap

Mr Blair said in an interview with *The Big Issue*, a magazine distributed by the homeless, that he often dropped his children off to take a Tube at King's Cross, and that "it's a frightening place for people". But Prem Vohra, duty customer operations manager at the station, said: "This is one of the friendliest and safest places in London. He must get easily

Adrian Templeton, 41, who sells The Big Issue at King's Cross, adopted a new sales technique yesterday, shouting madam. I am begging but I'm still doing a more honest job than Tony Blair.

As she bought her copy, containing Mr Blair's comments, Nicola Morris, 26, said: "He is talking rubbish

and should be ashamed of himself. He has lost my vote." Senior police were concerned that Mr Blair's remarks might have damaged their efforts to erase the King's Cross reputation for drug addicts, prostitutes and beg-gars. Since Operation Wel-wyn, a New York-style zero-tolerance endeavour, began in 1992, crime in the area has dropped by more than 50 per

Superintendent Geoff Holmes, of British Transport Police, said: "We have worked with local charities and the council to help alcoholics and addicts to get treatment and find places for vagrants to stay, and we are proud of what we have achieved.
"We used to have occasional

purges and the prostitutes just moved to Paddington, the beggars went three miles north to Camden and the addicts to Islington. Now the operation is co-ordinated so e get them off the street for a while at least."

Pausing to give a brief television interview for £10. Louise Gilbert, 17, and Laura Foley, 16, evaded the police and scurried down to the Underground ticket machines, where they know travellers are likely to have a handful of change. Wrapped in a pink duvet to ward off the cold. Miss Foley said that in the week before Christmas she had earned £90 a day "because people felt a bit guilty". But usually the teenagers aimed for £20 to be spent on cigarettes, a hot drink and food, and then moved to another Tube station before police could catch them.

They said that they had been thrown out of their homes and had been arrested for vagrancy, but they intend to ignore Mr Blair and carry on begging. So does Mr Lee: "At my age, and with 29 years spent in prison for various offences, what else am I going

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"We don't scare people, we just sit here looking cold." said John Lee, right, with a friend in King's Cross yesterday

Tea and sympathy substituted for hard cash, but not all are givers

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY CAROL MIDGLEY AND ROBIN YOUNG

THE disclosure by Tony Blair that he refuses to give money to beggars sparked a heated debate yesterday over how to react when accosted by the homeless. Anyone courageous enough to tackle John Prescott, Mr Blair's deputy, in King's Cross may feel warmer, but no wealthier after the meeting.

The pugnacious Mr Prescott, challenged on his own response, hesitated before divulging: "What I do sometimes is I offer them a cup of tea when I'm up at King's Cross. But they don't always want it." We may never know whether Mr Prescott gives them the tea regardless.

Most generous of all the senior politicians, according to his own reckoning, is John Major, although few of the homeless will hear the jingle of his money. Yes. I give a great deal of money to beg-



Doctors wrong

about measles'

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

rehearsed response. "Millions of pounds of your money. The Government has given a lot of money to beggars to make sure that those inadequately sheltered

are cared for." Auberon Waugh, editor of The Literary Review, said: "I do give money to beggars in the street because it seems to me a cheap way of doing

MEASLES is being wrongly

diagnosed by general practi-

tioners in 97 per cent of cases.

The discovery, based on a study of 12,000 patients,

means that the potentially

fatal disease has been almost

The finding also leaves doc-

tors wondering which other,

possibly more serious, rashes

have been afflicting the popu-

lation without being recog-

nised. The widespread mis-

diagnosis raises a question

mark over the costly new

immunisation campaign to give a booster jab to all pre-

school children, which was

Until two years ago, the only way a doctor could be certain

that a patient had measles

was to perform a blood test.

Since most sufferers were

children, GPs were reluctant

to stick a needle in their arms

to confirm an illness with

relatively minor consequences

Measles is more serious for

eenagers and adults, especial-

ly those with weak immune a child a convulsion.

in early years.

introduced last October.

eradicated in Britain.

more than £1 — perhaps a little more if they have dog, nothing if there are children - but I particularly dislike 50p pieces so they are what I dispense most readily."

thor, said: "We give money, but to our own charities. It is out to our own enartites. It is dedicated giving. Like everyone else I am desperately concerned by the spectacle of homelessness. It is a complex problem, part of which is the Mental Health Act. I think Town Rhair's property of the control of t Tony Blair's words were

Joan Bakewell, the television presenter, said: 'I didn't to give to beggars because I didn't think it solved their problems. But then I did a programme for Heart of the Matter in which I had to sit on pavements and in doorways with the home-less and it completely

changed my attitude. "Beggars do want money, but what they really wanted was contact with people. Even f you just say 'How are you' it s better than nothing."

Clare Rayner, the agony aunt, said: "I do give money to beggars because it seems to me that if someone is that far down that he is prepared to beg then that is the least I can

Mackay to face MPs' Freemason . inquiry

The Lord Chancellor is to be questioned by MPs about Freemasoury in the judiciary amid mounting pressure for judges and police officers to declare their Masonic membership. Lord Mackay of Clashiern will appear before the Commons Home Affairs Committee as part of its inquiry into Freemasonry. Judges are facing calls to resign as Freemasons or at least, publicly state their membership when they take up a judicial appointment. The Masonic Year Book includes more than 30 judges.

Oasis caution

Liam Gallagher, of the pop group Oasis, escaped with a police caution yesterday for possession of cocaine. Gallagher, 24, had been arrested on November 9 in the West End of London and given police bail. The decision was condemned by MPs.

Snap solution

Bus lane cheats will be caught on camera for the first time in a scheme to be launched in March. The project is to be piloted in north London with cameras being mounted on buses and at the roadside. The Home Office is expected to give approval next month.

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Player cleared

Steve McCurrie, 23; a Great Britain rugby league international, was aquitted at Warrington Crown Court yesterday of inflicting grievous bodily harm on a three-month-old girl. It was alleged he shook the child.

Drugs sentence

Frederick Whelen, 65, who smuggled cannabis worth £140 into Gartree Prison. Leicestershire, to his stepson who is serving a life sentence for the murder of paperboy Carl Bridgewater, was jailed for a year.

Asylum fall

The number of asylum-seekers has fallen dramatically since the Government restricted social security benefits available to them. There were 25,000 applications last year up to November, compared with 40.435 the year before.

Drink-drive fine

Sergeant Pamela De Neve, 32, a police training instructor, faces dismissal after being fined £1,800 by Ipswich Magistrates and disqualified for two years after driving into a parked car while almost three times the legal alcohol limit.

Curzon freed

Peter Curzon, 47, heir to Viscount Scarsdale, was released from custody in Charing Cross police station in. London yesterday after a divorce settlement of several hundred thousand pounds was paid to his former wife.

Maria Breen and her sons Colin, 7, and leuan, 5, are in hospital after they were trapped in rubble when a gas explosion wrecked their home. Neighbours and firelighters from New Tredegar, Gwent, South-Wales, rescued them.

A 6ft blonde transsexual who was refused a job as a woman police officer after undergoing claim yesterday at a Birminham tribunal for sex discrimination against West Midlands Police

Joan Bakewell's view was changed by experience and she now gives money, as does Auberon Waugh ter in preparation to a well-

Brian Sewell, the art critic,

in my pocket what I call the beggar's note, which is a fiver, he said. I come across people begging frequently, and it disturbs me."

systems. It kills a million

people a year in the develop-

ished children.

ing world, especially malnour-

A simple saliva test has

been developed and since 1994

has been sent to all doctors

who diagnosed measles,

which is a notifiable disease.

Analysis has shown that fewer

than 3 per cent of the patients

Roger Buttery, who is carry-

ing out a new study to discover

what the rashes really are,

said: "Any doctor or nurse would reckon to spot measles

at 100 yards. We were, to put it

crudely, gobsmacked to think

that a disease so obvious as

measles in 97 per cent of cases actually isn't measles."

The other likely candidates

could be more serious, said.

Dr Buttery, consultant in com-

municable diseases for the

Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission. Parvo-

virus can cause problems in

early pregnancy. German measles is linked to birth

defects, and Roseola may give

Newsprint recycling

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

beats target

BRITISH newspapers are leading the world in the reuse of newsprint. More then 40 per cent of titles are produced from recycled paper, a meeting of national and regional

publishers and newsprint makers was told yesterday. While John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, hailed the industry's green achievements, Friends of the Earth accused it of failing to strive for recyling targets of up to 80 per cent and of not using enough wood from sustainably managed forests.

Sir Frank Rogers, chairman of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, said it was impractical to have more waste paper in newspapers at the moment. The plain fact is that the capacity of the recyling plant in the UK currently would not allow this to be met."

Mr Gummer pointed out that the 40 per cent target had been achieved four years earlier than the 2000 deadline.

Gas blast victims

Transsexual loses a sex-change operation lost a

Liam makes the top ten ... for names

BY IAN MURRAY

LIAM has for the first time entered the list of top ten names chosen for sons. Not put off by the bad boy image of the Oasis rock star Liam Gallagher, enough parents preferred it to make it No 10 in the table of first names published today by the Office for National Statistics. Jack and Sophie were the

most popular first names for boys and girls born in Eng-land and Wales last year, with Jack winning the title for the second year running. The list also shows that such Victorian favourites as Joshua are ousting the Darrens and Jasons which were popular not so long ago. Celtic names like Ryan and Shannon are becoming more common than John or Henry.

Royal names are less popular, with Charles way down at 45 and Diana not even making it into the top 50 for girls. In

BOYS

1 Jack, 2 Daniel, 3 Thomas, 4 James, 5 Joshua, 6 Matthew, 7 James, 5 Joshua, 6 Maithew, 7 Ryan, 8 Samuel, 9 Joseph, 10 Liam, 11 Luke, 12 Jordan, 13 Connor, 14 Alexander, 15 Benjamin, 16 Adam, 17 Jake, 18 Henry, 19 William, 20 Michael, 21 George, 22 Callum, 23 Ofiver, 24 Lewis, 25 Chris-topher, 26 Kleran, 27 Robert, 28 Andrew, 29 Jamie, 30 Nathen, 31 Devid, 32 Bradley, 33 Aaron, 34 Ben, 35 Jacob, 36 Mohammed, 37 Kyle, 38 Cher-Mohammed, 37 Kyle, 38 Char-lie, 39 Jonathan, 40 Ashley, 41 John, 42 Cameron, 43 Alex, 44 Reece, 45 Charles, 46 Edward 47 Scott, 48 Sean, 49 Sam, 50

boys' names, Harry and William take eighteenth and fifteenth places, Andrew is twenty-eighth and Edward forty-sixth. Elizabeth is twenty-fifth among the girls.

Today's more informal society also means that familiar forms of names are becoming

GIRLS 1 Sophie, 2 Jessica, 3 Chice, 4

1 Sophie, 2 Jessica, 3 Chloe, 4 Emily, 5 Lauren, 6 Rebecca, 7 Charlotte, 8 Hannah, 9 Amy, 10 Megan, 11 Sharmon, 12 Katle, 13 Emma, 14 Bethany; 15 Licy, 16 Laura, 17 Georgia, 18 Sarah, 19 Jacke, 20-Abigai, 21 Danielle, 22 Eleanor, 23 Olivia, 24 Alice, 25 Etizabeth, 26 Rachel, 27 Paine, 28 Molity, 20 24 Alice, 25 Elizabeth, 26 Rachel, 27 Palge, 28 Molly, 29 Holly, 30 Zoe, 31 Samenthe, 32 Elite, 33 Chelsee, 34 Nicole, 35 Natastra, 36 Leah, 37 Victoria, 38 Alexandra, 39 Georgina, 40 Grace, 41 Amber, 42 Jodle, 43 Natzile, 44 Abble, 45 Anna, 46 Kathadna, 47 Jouine, 48 Natzile, 44 Abbie, 45 million, 48 Kathesine, 47 Louise, 48 Meliasa, 50

more popular. Jack is preferred to John (41) or James (4), Charlie (38) scores better than Charles (45) and Katie (12) is above Katherine (46).

The fastest-rising name in this year's list is Leah, up 20 places to 36, possibly a reflection of the way in which the

Ecstasy death of the teenager Leah Betts at the end of 1995 touched hearts across the nation. The influence of television advertising is evident from the way Molly, the name of a toddler starring in a Saleway supermarket com-mercial, soured 19 places in

the girls chart to 36. The list shows that parents are far more conservative in choosing names for boys than they are for girls. James is the only one to have appeared in the top ten since the first name

records began in 1944. This year's top seven boys' names - Jack, Daniel, Thom as, James, Joshua, Manhew and Ryan - are unchanged from 1995, with Samuel moving up and Joseph and Liam replacing Luke and Jordan in the top ten.

The girls top ten sees. Sophie, Chloe tup six at No 3 Emily (up four at No 4), and Megan (up four at No 10) gaining in popularity.

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المكذاب الأصل



Humphrey Lyttelton, singer Cleo Laine and her husband John Dankworth at the crematorium yesterday. Scott "was modest to a fault, but his club put London on the jazz map of the world", Lyttelton said

Blues for Ronnie Scott transformed into swinging celebration

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE turnout at the funeral of Ronnie Scott yesterday would have done justice to a Saturday night at the Soho club which he founded and which put London on the jazz map of the world.

Musicians, admirers, friends, lovers and daughter of the permanent bachelor packed Gold-ers Green crematorium, north

London, to bid farewell to the best known name in British jazz. So many mourners attended that more than 100 were left outside. . Tributes came from beyond mainstream jazz, they included flowers from the rock musicians Van Morrison and Keith Emerson. Scott was Jewish, but his true religion lay elsewhere, in the sinful and smoky world of after-dark

dignified but relaxed, with no prayer books or orders of service. only a tape of his sweet tenor sax playing softly in the background as his coffin was carried in. Rabbi Guy Hall told the congregation that Scott's club was as dark as a medieval cathedral, its walls covered with the icons of jazz saints but that the water it served was far from holy. The Talmud, Rabbi Hall said, spoke of those who made

music in the present world also doing so in the next. He speculated that on Scott's arrival in Heaven. angels hung up their halos to jam with Gabriel and his tenor horn in a dark backroom. "Jazz is prayer: its songs speak of suffering or falling in and out of love."

Benny Green, the jazz writer, broadcaster and friend of Scott for 45 years, shared with the congregation the reminiscence that 60 yearexpressed the wish to be cremated. provided that his ashes were scattered over his agent, Harold Da-vidson. The veteran band leader Humphrey Lyttelton said after the service: "I rarely played at his club, as the first set was always after my bedtime. But he was, in his own mind, first and foremost a tenor sax player. He was modest to a fault, then he was dead." but his club put London on the jazz At the end of the service the

achievement for a modest man." partner Mary Scott and their A frail Spike Milligan recalled daughter Rebecca, trooped out to a that Scott had suffered, like himtape of Stan Getz and Jimmy Rowles playing, appropriately. What Am I Here For? in the biting self, from manic depression. "He rang me the week before he died. and I asked him what pills he was wind of Golders Green, there was only one place for the mourners to on. He said Tuinal and whisky. I go for a decent wake. They piled into limousines, cars and taxis and said that was no good, and he'd better come and stay with me. But headed straight for Ronnie Scott's

Firm's former boss 'ended up making the tea'

A BUSINESSWOMAN who rival ended up being demoted to saleswoman and being told to make the tea for a job applicant, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Doris Jones, who is claiming sexual discrimination, said she also earned less than men in more

councillor from Darlington, Co Durham, set up Sale and Sure in 1985 and sold it to Ambassador Security Group in 1990, remaining as branch manager, but clashed almost immediately with Les Robin-son, the regional sales manager. She said he told her to take her name off a job advertisement because men would not want to anoiv to a woman. He had also suggested she take redundancy because she was a woman over 50.

At one point she had complained that her branch did not have an engineering man-ager and suggested interviewing a man called Jim Sadler.

Jones: was demoted after she sold out

"Les Robinson sat in on the sold her security company to a interview and told me to get some coffees. In my absence Jim Sadler was offered a salary of £17,025 per year. This was despite the fact that, as his superior, I would have been earning considerably less. I only became aware because the offer letter was sent to me

Mrs Jones, a Conservative ... Mrs Jones told the tribunal at Newcastle upon Tyne that she was paid £15,500 as branch manager, but men in the same position in Hull and Leeds were paid £16,500 and the Manchester branch manager received £21,500. In April 1995, the Darlington and Hull offices had merged and she was offered demotion to the post of sales manager, with a

"Mr Robinson made it clear he wanted me to take redundancy. He told me, 'As you are a woman past the age of 50. and women being what they are, I would have thought you would have wanted to stay at home and accept the redundancy package."

It had then been agreed she

should have the job originally offered to her. But later that year, Mr Robinson had told her that the Darlington branch was being transferred to Gateshead and administration work would be done at Hull. Her position as sales manager was changed to sales executive after all.

She said: "I was shellshocked to be demoted twice in 12 months while my male colleagues had been cushioned. I could not escape the conclusion that I was being pushed out because I was a

.The hearing continues.

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Millionaire pays for starring role

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A JAPANESE millionaire who takes private music lessons is to star as a singer and conductor in a concert he has organised and funded at one of London's foremost venues. Toshu Fukami, who lias no

intention of giving up his day job as a management consul-tant, has paid £50,000 to take centre stage at St John's, Smith Square. He will be singing arias from Handel's Xerres and Verdi's Macheth and conducting Elgar's Land of Hope and Glory. He will conduct the English Chamber Orchestra.

Mr Fukami, 45, whose business interests include travel agencies, publishing companies and hostels in Japan, Britain and Australia, sees concerts as "a way to challenge yourself but also to have humility". He said: "I'm the president of 15 companies, so people obey me when I tell them what to do. But in the arts there will always be superiors to me, so I listen to them. It makes me more openminded to my employees and that helps to run my

in singing and conducting in er to repeat a performance."

Japan and America and a friend introduced him to the composes classical, pop and jazz music. His artistic activities are not just for art's sake: through a foundation which he set up last year, he raises money for charities.

He paid £300,000 to appear at New York's Carnegie Hall last November. Tonight's concert will help children with

Shuntaro Sato, the orches tra's associate conductor, said: "He's a gentleman with a lot of enthusiasms and interests. That amazed me." Asked about a professional orchestra working with an amateur, he added: "It's not usually a good idea. But it's a good change for the ECO or a professional orchestra. It's good to bring different kinds of enthusiasms. Amateurs don't have to worry about money and can take some kind of risk. Fukami has got a real talent"

Mr Fukami said: "The arts are always recreating — that's what fascinates me. Whenever I perform I have to come up with new things to make He has had private tuition audiences happy. I strive nev-

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Pension row may halt teacher training

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers threatened yesterday to boycott school training for 20,000 student teachers unless the Government hacked down in a dispute about early retirement.

The move by the National Associ-ation of Head Teachers marked an escalation in the campaign against proposed changes to teachers' pension rules, which the Government hopes will curb costly early retirements.

Four out of five teachers leave before they are 60 and early retire-

A BANK official claimed yes-

terday she had been stalked for 14 years by a man she

Ruth Heede said Kenneth

Woolsey would wait outside

the bank for her when she

arrived and when she left, and

followed her as she shopped in

her lunch break. He once

Mrs Heede, 36, tried unsuc-

cessfully to get the Crown Prosecution Service to take

action and the police only became involved last year

when Woolsey, o7, shook his

fist at her and threatened her

in the street. He was jailed for

two months yesterday by mag-

istrates at Bradford, west

Yorkshire, for threatening be-

haviour after admitting the

offence at a previous hearing.

Mrs Heede, of Queensbury.

near Bradford, who was not at

court, said she was still in fear

of Woolsey. "I was hoping he

would go to jail but I am quite

surprised he has in a way. I

am quite relieved that some-

one has taken me seriously. But two months jail against 14

years I have endured isn't

Magistrates at the previous

hearing were told Mrs Heede

was returning to work with a

friend when she heard

Woolsey behind her. He

raised his fist and said he was against the sentence.

anything, in fairness."

jumped on her moving car.

turned down for a car loan.

Bank woman

tells of her 14

years of terror

over car loan

By Paul Wilkinson

going to "get her". She said: "I thought he was going to attack me. I was really frightened as

he approached me. His eyes

were bulging out. He looked

received calls from local ga-

rages about the loan for

Woolsey's car. "He kept going

to different garages and they

would then contact me believ-

ing that I had authorised the

the garages he started waiting

outside the bank. Every morn-

ing he would be there and then

in the evening. He would follow me if I went out to the

shops during the day." She varied her route to work and

had to change her phone

side of my car and it wasn't

until I got round the corner

that I managed to shake him

off. He's followed me almost

every day for 14 years. Every

single time I go out I am

looking over my shoulder. It

has damaged me psychologi-

cally. It's frightening thinking

about it, even now. It was a

huge intrusion in my privacy."

Rooze, said he would appeal

Woolsey's solicitor, Michael

"Once he clung on to the

number.

"When he had exhausted all

After the first hearing Mrs Heede claimed her ordeal began when she was 22. She

like a mad bull."

ments cost the Treasury £480 million last year. The Government wants to switch a proportion of the cost to local authorities on a sliding scale according to age. Teachers' leaders say this would block most early retirements because the authorities would not be

able to afford the cost. David Hart, the association's general secretary, said that the proposals would burden schools with thousands of demoralised older teachers who would cost far more to employ than younger recruits. Last year 13.055 teachers took early retirement. Trainees cannot qualify without spending more than a quarter of ment that relies on the goodwill of heads. Mr Hart said: "No set of government proposals in living memory has stirred up such opposition from our members.

Teachers feel betrayed by the Government because they have invested a lot of their own money in additional voluntary contributions on the understanding that they would be able to retire before 60." He called the government consultation on the pension changes a sham because recruitment targets for the next three years had been cut by 26,000, which he said showed that early retirements.

The association wants the Government to discuss other ways to cut costs. It has called on its members, who include most primary heads and nearly all of those in secondary schools, to refuse to take trainee teachers from September.

The Secondary Heads Association, whose members train about 10.000 recruits, will decide later this month whether to join the boycott. John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said: The mood that prompted the National Association of Head Teachers' bers." Teachers' groups have predicted an exodus of 18,000 teachers before April, the deadline for early renrement funded by the national pension scheme. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers has begun a legal effort to postpone the deadline.

Cheryl Gillan, a junior Education and Employment Minister, said that the Public Accounts Committee wanted the department to cut the cost of early retirements. Only one in five teachers remains until 60 and we simply do not believe that the remainder are incapable of teaching effectively until that age," she said.

Egypt bans Irish beef after BSE rise

Egypt has banned the import of live Irish cattle amid fears over the rapid rise of "mad cow" disease. The country is Ireland's biggest beef export market, worth about £100 million a year, but BSE in Irish herds has more than quadrupled from 16 cases in 1995 to 74 last year. It is the third time the Egyptians have banned Irish beef because of the disease. One ban last year was lifted when John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, travelled to Cairo and persuaded President Murabak of Egypt, to reverse the policy. It is unlikely, however, that negotiations will succeed this time. The Irish beef industry is already suffering the effects of a partial ban by Russia.

Minister visits Thai jail

Conditions for 28 Britons in Thai prisons are tough, but fair, a Foreign Office Minister said yesterday. Liam Fox, a junior minister, visited Britons held at Lard Yao top-security jail in Bangkok. He admitted that conditions in Thai jails were hard, but said that British immates were not mistreated. Prisoners Abroad said that it had not received complaints about ill treatment in Thai jails: "Most are about overcrowding, the food and insanitary conditions."

£10 electricity bonus

About 100,000 pensioners facing higher heating costs because of the cold will receive a £10 bonus towards their next electricity bill, United Utilities said yesterday. The bonus, which affects Norweb customers using off-peak power, will be paid in addition to any government cold weather payments. Details on how to get the payment, the second made by the multi-utility since it launched the scheme last February, will be sent to pensioners with their next bills.

Snoring driver freed

A lorry driver who fell asleep at the wheel and drove into a queue of motorway traffic, killing two people, was freed after telling York Crown Court that snoring at night made him drowsy during the day. John Williams, 43, from Glossop, Derbyshire, admitted causing death by dangerous driving but was the first motorist to use the condition of severe obstructive sleep apnoea in mitigation. Judge Cracknell imposed a 12-month sentence, suspended for two years.

Stone causes car death

A woman driver was killed after her car was hit by masonry from a bridge. Hazel Broadhead, 37. of Sherburn in Elmet. Yorkshire, lost control of her Ford Escort and crashed headon into a van after the chunk of stone hit the car near her home. Mrs Broadhead, whose car travelled about 100 yards before hitting the van, was pronounced dead at the scene. The van driver. Andrew Siddle, 20, of Meanwood, west Yorkshire, suffered serious leg injuries.

Prison suicide record

A record 64 prisoners, including two women, committed suicide in jails in England and Wales last year in spite of initiatives to reduce the figures. The total was two higher than the previous peak in 1994. Fourteen of those who died were aged 21 or younger and 36 were on remand. Richard Tilt. Director-General of the Prison Service, said that, although the number of suicides was a cause for concern, the number in proportion to the jail population had fallen.

Lawyer disappears

Police are investigating the disappearance of a lawyer who underwent a sex-change operation and stood as a Scottish National Party candidate at the last election. The Law Society of Scotland will seek the appointment of a judicial factor today to run the legal practice of Alexandra MacRae & Co in Dundee after the disappearance, at about 5pm on January 5. of Ms MacRae, 55, from the home she shared with her elderly

Soul singer in court

mother in St Andrews. Fife.

The soul singer Mark Morrison appeared at Marylebone Magistrates' Court, central London, charged with possessing a prohibited weapon and affray. He was arrested early on October 20 at an all-night supermarket in Notting Hill, west London. The case against Morrison, 24, whose single Return of the Mack reached No I last summer, and a traffic warden facing the same charges over the same incident was adjourned until January 21.

Castle to reopen early

Restoration work on Windsor Castle, which was damaged by fire in November 1992, will finish well ahead of schedule in time for reopening early next year. The final phase of work started yesterday when three wooden columns were hoisted into the Octagon antercom. The final cost is likely to be about £38 million, within the target. Seventy per cent of funding has come from the opening of Buckingham Palace and charging admission to the grounds of Windsor Castle.

Guten Tag, pet

A crane builder seeking welders and platemakers in one of the country's former shipbuilding heartlands is having to take them from Austria because it cannot find the skilled staff in Britain. Liebherr thought it had located in the right place when it set up a plant by the River Wear in Sunderland because of the high unemployment and craftsmen once employed in shipbuilding. Sunderland TEC is now liaising with the company to set up local training schemes.

Geographers' conference: lairds accused of land plot

Deerstalking 'a Highland myth'

London risks losing its place on the world tourist map

SCOTTISH landowners were accused yesterday of skilfully creating a myth to perpetuate their monopoly of the hills and glens.

The vehicle they used was deer stalking, "the most cliquish and aristocratic of pursuits". Hayden Lorimer of Loughborough University told geographers in Exeter. By linking the sport to real or invented Scottish history, they had been able to justify the maintenance under their control of vast areas originally

cleared for raising sheep. "A melange of myth, legend and imagined tradition were deployed in defence of the existing division of land, its primary use as a boundless wild game reserve and the much revered Highland sporting way of life." Mr Lorimer told the annual conbecause its hotels and restaurants are too expensive and its queues too long, the conference was told. Paul Bull of Birkbeck College said that there was a risk that people who visited London for pleasure rather than business would feel that they had had a poor deal and would not return. London was short of 10,000 hotel beds and business travellers were willing to pay more for existing ones, driving up prices.

ference of the Royal Geographical Society - Institute of British Geographers.

The sport had been created by royal patronage, beginning in the 1840s, combined with the collapse of sheep farms for which the Highlands had been cleared of their native population earlier in the century. This left the Highlands "fortuitously clear for deer forest expansion"

By 1912. Mr Lorimer said.

312 million acres had been

encouraged by the lairds, had created a spiritual legacy around the sport "to rival the Iliad and Beowulf". Among the leading lights

was Sir Iain Colquhoun, 7th Baronet of Luss, who favoured going out barefoot and gloried in the masculine toughness of stalking. He and other lairds had legitimised

tect the Scottish countryside. these same landowners had played a leading role. A landscape created by man was made to seem the only truly Scottish one. "The land given over to deer, a figure owning elite recognised an little changed today. Between the wars literary romanticists, opportunity in the heritage

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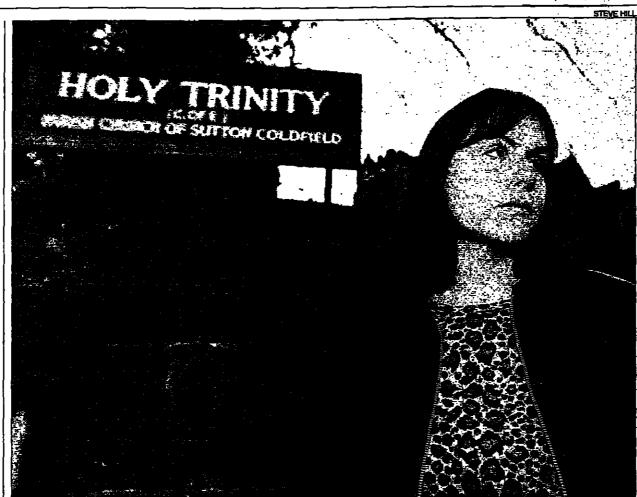
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criticised landscape into one which is symbolically Scottish." Mr Lorimer said. They had used it to retain power in their rural strongholds and turn away any other ideas for using the land more productively, such as repopulating the Highlands and developing tourism.

movement to transform 2

NIGEL HAWKES



Lisa Flaherty passing the spot yesterday where 17-year-old Nicola Dixon's body was found on New Year's Day

WPC recreates schoolgirl's last walk

A POLICEWOMAN retraced the route yesterday that 17-year-old Nicola Dixon had taken to an alleyway where she was sexually assaulted and battered to death on New Year's Eve. WPC Lisa Flaherty. 23, was dressed like the schoolgirl as she walked the three quarters of a mile from a hospital social club in Sutton Coldfield to a city centre pub. Miss Dixon was attacked as she used a short cut past | Holy Trinity Church. Her parents. Rita received more than 500 calls from the blue Ford Fiesta on the

and Andrew Dixon, made a tearful appeal for justice for their daughter by finding her killer before he could strike again. Mr Dixon said: "We can't do anything to help Nicola, but this appeal might stop another family having to go through what we are suffering now." His daughter's body was found the next morning lying face down in the snow with extensive head injuries. Police have

public, but have not traced a man seen running from the alley about the time of the murder and driving off. Detective Chief Inspector Kelvin Roberts said: The public response has been magnificent, but we need more information." Neighbours and revellers described the man as white, aged 20 to 25, clean shaven and wearing a bomber jacket. He had been in such a hurry that he skidded his

Chemist escapes

cheap drug fine

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

counter

cutting prescription charges

for ten years. He refuses to

charge the £5.50 fee when the same remedies can be bought

more cheaply over the

that this undermines the pre-

scription system. Most people

get their medicines free anyway because they are exempt

on the ground of age or

income. Everybody else pays a

flat fee, so those whose reme-

dies are dearer than £5.50 are subsidised by patients paying over the odds for cheaper

Mr Sharpe was reported by

Gwent Family Health Ser-

breach of his contract. Normally, complaints should be

vices Authority for being in

made within six weeks of the

alleged offence, but the au-

thority exceeded this time

limit. The neighbouring Mid Glamorgan Family Health Services Authority, which in-vestigated Mr Sharpe and imposed the fine, failed to

follow the correct procedure

for delayed reports.

The Government argues

A PHARMACIST who re-

belied against prescription

charges by selling his customers medicine when it was

cheaper than the statutory

charge claimed a moral vic-

tory yesterday when he escaped being fined. William Hague, the Welsh

Secretary, declared void a £550 fine imposed on Allan

Sharpe of Newbridge, Caer-

philly, by a health authority

for breaching rules dating

from the 1950s. However,

officials said that Mr Sharpe

escaped punishment only on a

technicality because the com-

plaint against him had been

wrongly treated; and he could

Mr Sharpe, 56, said: "I will never be a tax collector for the

Government and will continue

helping my patients whatever happens. This ruling means

that I can get on with prescribing drugs at a fair price

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Mr Sharpe has been under-

be reported again.

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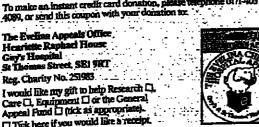
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Forgotten footage yields more Bogie and Bacall magic

EIGHTEEN minutes of previously unseen film starring Humphrey Bogart and Lau-ren Bacall, which the director Howard Hawks ent from his 1946 classic The Big Sleep, have been discovered in

Adrian Wootton, head of the National Film Theatre, which will screen the early print for the first time at the weekend, called it an incredible discovery of one of the most famous films ever made".

Hawks, who gave Bacall her big break in 1945 with To Have and Have Not, is known to have removed the 18 minutes to allow for extra scenes to heighten the Bogart-Bacall romance. No one had realised that the original version of The Big Sleep, made a year before the final reworking was released, had survived.

It had been languishing in the Warner Bros archives, at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and was discovered by chance when



Hawks: he preferred to use the sexier scenes

asked for material relating to its Hawks retrospective. The natrate print was in fragile condition and needed exten-

The tense and moody thriller, adapted from a 1939 Raymond Chandler story, gave Bogart and Bacall two of

their best-known roles: Philip Marlowe and Vivian Rut-ledge. Mr Wootton said that the most notable "new" material featured Bogart and three police detectives discussing the plot so far. "It's a confusing plot. Hawks tries to get round it by shooting that scene. But he decided that, although it made the plot more coherent he wanted to make the Bogart-Bacall rapport sexier."

Another previously un-

known scene showed the couple meeting in a "boring-looking office, with Bacall in an ordinary daytime dress and Bogart in an ordinary suit". Mr Wootton said. Hawks added glamour for the 1946 version by reshooting the scene in a nightchub, with Bacall wearing a slinky dress. The dialogue was made sexier. with double-entendres thrown in".

The film was the most radical of Hawks's re-workings and gives new insight into his approach. Mr



Wootton said: "The original film makes you understand who killed who a little better than the 1946 version. You get baffled two thirds of the way through about who's blackmailing who, and for what. With this, you get a recap that makes you hold on to who's doing what to who. But you

lose the remantic tension. In the end, the audience wanted to see Boyan and Barali puckering up to each other." Chandler once said that even he did not know "who done it". Apart from a preview to which Hawks decided to treat American troops in 1945, the rediscovered print has not

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been shown to the public. The military audience is said not to have enjoyed it particularly; the re-edited film went on to become a huge success.

Warner's archives includes prints of most of its major titles, as well as rushes and alternative versions of films which were changed before

sion of The Big Sleep, whose restoration was funded by UCLA and the British Film Institute, will be screened on Saturday and Sunday, while the 1946 movie will be shown

next month.

Television record for Del Boy and Rodney

By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A CHRISTMAS edition of the sitcom Only Fools and Horses attracted the biggest British television audience according to official figures published yesterday.

The last episode of the three-part farewell edition of the show, screened on December 29, was watched by 24.35 million viewers. Episodes one and two, which were broadcast on Christmas Day and December 27, attracted audiences of 21.31 million and 21.33 million respectively.

Fans of the show, starring David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst, will be hoping the figures will encourage the BBC to make more episodes. The corporation had said that the Christmas special would be the last.

The average viewer spen! hours II minutes watching television on Christmas Day and 32 hours 53 minutes during Christmas week. The average viewing is 25 hours 9

The baby who made history 36 years ago

ALMOST 36 years ago Paul Carvlin made history as the youngest "blue baby" to survive open heart surgery for a defect known as Fallot's tetralogy. Although he now has multiple scierosis, he has led a normal, active life and is still keen to busy himself during periods of remission.

Mr Carvlin was nine months old when he had the operation at the Evelina children's hamiltoness. operation at the Evelina chil-dren's hospital, the paediatric department of Guy's Hospi-tal, then in its original build-ing in Southwark Bridge Road, London. A generation later, heart operations are regularly performed on much younger children, and even on foetness, but at the fine it was a big breakthrough.

weighed 201b, could run with cyanosis, the lack of oxygen in the blood which causes the blue discolouration,

Mr Carvlin had what he describes as a fairly normal childhood. There were period ic visits to the Evelina for check-ups, but on each occasion he was given a clean bill

"But my parents were over protective." he said. "My ather, who worked for the RBC had been a prisoner of war in Japan, and that may understandable at the time. The school didn't want to anything happened to me, so I was not allowed to play games. At football matches I was allowed to be a linesman but that was it. It's still one of

my great regrets."

Proof that his heart was fully recovered came when he left school and, after a brief and unsatisfying spell in a solicitor's office, took a job in a pub just before his eighteenth hirthday. Working in the cellar and behind the bar involved long hours and strenuous activity, but he thrived on it. "I never had a

day's sickness."

His wife, Elizabeth, perseaded him to look for less
hazardous employment and
he became head porter at a
London hospice, after which A subsequent report in The they worked as residential Bedford. Since developing MS he has been unab

> Mr Carvlin's problems have not been eased by his cheerful, frustrated only by as active as be wa

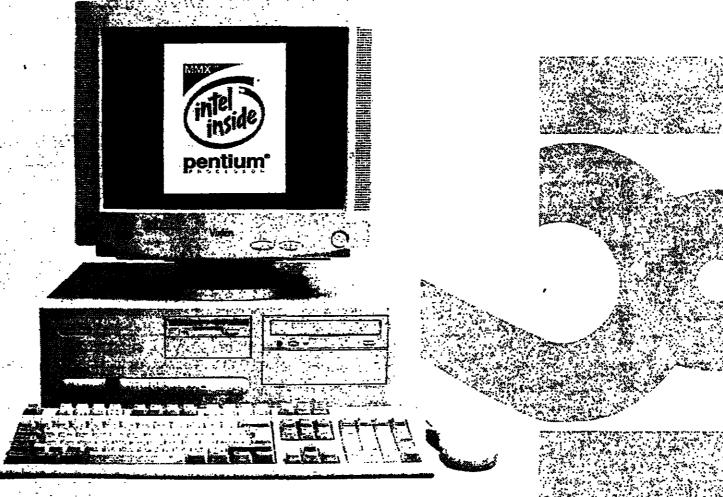
"I have my bad days," he said. "I seem to catch every eternally grateful to Michael the cardiologist, and Donald Ross, the sur who gave me life and allowed me to live it to the full." take responsibility in case



Paul Carvlin, a former "blue baby", with his wife,

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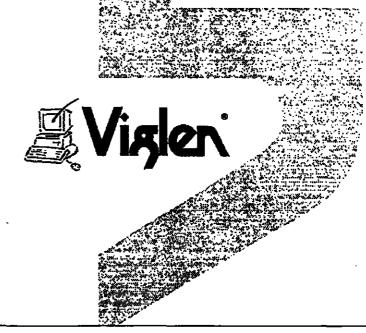












Unrepentant soldier re-enacts shooting amid dispute over further withdrawals

New demand by Israel holds up deal on Hebron

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

stepped up its efforts yesterday to secure the so far clusive deal on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Hebron. there was a bizarre reminder of the dangers threatening the West Bank.

Under the eerie glow of floodlights, Noam Friedman. the 22-year-old Israeli soldier who tried to kill "as many Arabs as possible" in the city last week, returned to the marketplace to re-enact his actions for police investigators. His attempted massacre left six Palestinians wounded. and increased the urgency of the mission of Dennis Ross, the US negotiator.

Last night he held yet another round of talks with Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, after ear-

lier meeting Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minis-Israel radio said

Palestinians were increasingly pessimistic about the chances of an agreement. It quoted one senior Palestinian official as saying that Mr Ross was expected to return to the US before the end of the week.

A CAR driven by a 15-yearold Palestinian boy crashed into a crowded bakery in Jerusalem's main Jewish vegetable market yesterday, killing one person, wounding six and spreading panic about a possible new terrorist attack, Last night police were still trying to establish whether or not the crash was an accident.

The Palestinians have dis missed a new demand by Mr Netanyahu to delay three more Israeli troop withdrawals from the West Bank planned for after the Hebron pullout - from September 1997 to spring 1999. "The last redeployment is a very, very contentious issue. Our interpretations are very far apart." David Bar-Illan, the Prime Minister's spokesman said.

Hassan Asfour, the Palestinian negotiator, attacked the proposal, the main sticking point holding up a deal on Hebron. This is irres-ponsible, he said. The agreement specifically states that the last stage of further redeployments from the West Bank be completed by September 7, 1997. Mr Ross was struggling to broker a deal.



Private Noam Friedman, who "tried to kill as many Arabs as possible" when he opened fire in Hebron last week, with investigators

In the pre-dawn re-enactment, an unrepentant Private Friedman declared to investigators: "I wanted to kill as many Arabs as possible." The soldier was surrounded by army guards and wore a bullet-proof vest in case Pales-

tinian gunmen tried to avenge

A religious Jew with a history of psychiatric problems, he told investigators that he had deliberately opened fire at Arab shoppers in the hope of scuttling the longdelayed Israeli withdrawal from 80 per cent of Hebron, a city holy to both Jews and Arabs. "I wanted to prove that Hebron is ours, always and forever," he said.

He spoke haltingly into a microphone while handcuffed

to a soldier. He also gripped the M16 rifle that he had used in the attack, from which the ammunition clip had been removed. Under Israeli law suspects who confess to major

avenge Baruch Goldstein, the was killed after he had massacred 29 Palestinian worshippers in a Hebron mosque in

Naked truth enrages **Turkish Islamists**

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

A TURKISH tabloid sensation over a radical Muslim cleric caught with his trousers down has fuelled a growing rift between the country's media and pro-Islamic government.

Muslum Gunduz an extreme Islamic sect member, faces five to ten years in prison on charges tantamount to sedition after being appre-hended in a raid by Istanbul's anti-terrorist squad

The manner of his arrest has caused controversy. Police who barged down the door took with them cameramen from some of Turkey's many private television stations. The religious leader was shown on the evening news without clothes and with one of his

female followers, who is in her early twenties.

"It's a very juicy story and a very important one too," said Haluk Sahin, news co-ordinator of Kanal D Television, which helped to break the story. The woman, Fadime Sahin (no relation) has accused Muslum Gunduz of abusing her trust, and the leader of another Islamic religious order of rape.

Such attention is not to the liking of the Welfare Party, the senior partner in the ruling coalition, which has declared war on Turkey's press barons and is trying to curb live broadcasts of events such as shoot-outs between police and

Mastroianni widow 'liked two of actor's mistresses'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE widow of the late Marcello Mastroianni, the actor who died last month. revealed warm feelings towards her husband's many famous mistresses yesterday, saying that she had often comforted Marcello "like a sister" when the relationships ended in tears.

Flora Mastroianni said she had liked at least two of her husband's various mistresses. the actresses Faye Dunaway and Catherine Deneuve. Both relationships had been founded on real passion, she said. yet the actor had always maintained the marital home and had refused to divorce her. "In the end, he always

came back to me." Signora Mastrojanni told the maga-

She said she had found Deneuve very simpatica and approachable, while Dunaway had been "typically American and sophisticated . on the set of L'Amante she was always twirling around with a silk scarf on her head". She said she had no strong

views on Mastroianni's last companion, Anna Maria Tato, because he didn't talk to me about her, unlike the others". Mastroianni died in Paris at the age of 72 with Barbara, his daughter by his wife, and Chiara, his daughter by Deneuve, at his bedside.



Deneuve: "simpatica" and approachable

Greenpeace sues author over book that 'unveils mystery'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A BOOK claiming to disclose inner workings of Greenpeace has been met with an immediate libel action from the international environmental organisation.

The Hidden face of Greenpeace — Infiltration into the Heart of the International Ecology Movement, published in France this week, describes itself as the latest attempt to penetrate an organisation that has gained huge media publicity for its

The book, written under the pseudonym Olivier Vermont, purports to be the work of an independent French journalist who posed as a militant environmentalist to gain access to Greenpeace-France and the headquarters of Greenpeace International in Amsterdam

Working under cover over ten months, Vermont says he sought to "unveil the mystery" surrounding the group, which employs a large staff and spends millions on environmental operations. Based on his conversations with Greenpeace members, the author alleges among other things, without providing proof, that Greenpeace has "secret dealings with certain states such as China and Russia".

In 1995 Greenpeace reported a worldwide income of \$153 million (£90 million), but

Vermont claims that it maintains a "war chest" of \$128 million, as well as several secret bank accounts. He also accuses Greenpeace of acquiring property and claims that only 6 per cent of the money donat ed to the group is spent on protecting the environment. Even before the book ap

peared in French bookshops on Monday, Greenpeace began a legal counter-attack. Greenpeace International and Greenpeace-France have jointly accused the author and his publisher, Albin Michel, of libeliously publishing "defamatory statements, untruths, distortions of the facts and absurd allegations.

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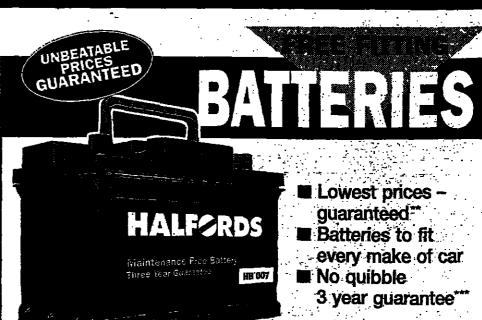
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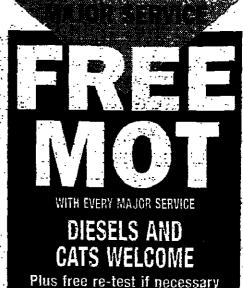
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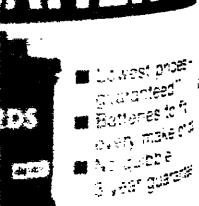
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Britons recruited to Mobutu's white mercenary force

HUNDREDS of European mercenaries, including several Britons and others recrasted by former French government security officers. are massing in eastern Zaire to mount a counter-offensive against Rwandan-backed rebels, according to French news

reports.

The "White Legion", numbering between 200 and 300 men and intended to back up the bedraggied Zairean Army, was recruited in part by Colonel Alain Le Carro, former head of the presidential guard under the late François Mitterrand, Le Monde reported. The French Defence Ministry described the mercenary force as a "private initiative"

without government backing. The reports came a day after Paris denied rebel claims that 1.000 French troops had arrived in Kisangani to bolster the Zairean forces and stem the

backed rebels, led by Laurent Kabila, have beaten back the demoralised regular Zairean Army to take strategic towns: in eastern Zaire. President Mobutu of Zaire, who has used international mercenaries to support his

Europe in the wake of cancer Another former French gendarme", Robert Montova.

regime in the past, returned to

Zaire last month after a four-

month convalescence in



'Dogs of war' scent wealth in Africa

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent

hired to prop up Zaire's crum-bling regime will be ordered to rights and operated under retake its gold mines from advancing rebels.

Le Monde has claimed that the "dogs of war" have been hired by the Pretoria-based Executive Outcomes, a South African company which has a close relationship with British mining enterprises. Although Executive Out-

comes denies the latest reports, it has deployed former South African troops on missions for the governments of Angola and Sierra Leone. As a result, foreign companies obtained diamond mining concessions worth hundreds of thousands of pounds a year.

British companies have been in the forefront, benefiting from the activities of wars, have recaptured areas foreign mercenari containing mineral wealth ture will be shot.

ANY British mercenaries from rebels. The companies mercenary protection.

If Executive Outcomes were to become involved in Zaire, its main aim would be to retake gold mines lost to the rebels south and east of Kisangani. The task of any mercenaries would also be to protect the strategic city of Kisangani, on the Congo River.

African guerrillas used to live in fear of white mercenaries because of their superior firepower and training. In the 1960s Zaire, then the Congo. was a playground for European soldiers of fortune. But if paid to defend Presi-

dent Mobutu, they will come up against Tutsi-led rebels who have a well-founded rep-utation for tactical skill and battlefield bravery. Yesterday

who has been linked with the notorious anti-terrorist unit at the Elysee Palace under President Mitterrand, is said to be command of "logistical aspects of the operation in liaison with a South African company, Executive Out-comes". The company, however, denies any involvement in the Zairean conflict.

Le Monde said that more mercenaries are expected to leave Europe in the next two weeks "to join the South Africans, Angolans, Mozambicans, Belgians and Britons already in place". The "White Legion" is said to include at least ten French mercenaries, former members of the French armed forces, who are coordinating the mercenary The organisers are believed

to have sought out recruits among "elite British troops", including former members of the SAS, former soldiers in the French Foreign Legion and comrades-in-arms of Bob Denard, the veteran French mercenary who most recently led an abortive coup in the Cornoros in October 1995.

French military officials confirmed that they were aware of the force, but said they doubted its effectiveness. One French general, quoted by Le Monde, described the mercenaries "as pot-bellied exsoldiers cashiered from the ranks who will be unable to redress the situation in the face of an army equipped, trained and led on American

The French authorities de nied any involvement in or knowledge of the mercenaries' activities. "If such a force exists, it is in total contradiction with French policy and, as such, must be condemned in the strongest terms," Catherine Colonna, the President's spokeswoman, said.

Official French military assistance to Zaire has declined sharply since 1991 and there are no longer defence accords France has backed President Mobutu politically, but cannot provide direct military aid because of the international arms embargo on Zaire.



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Queen Margrethe, who is a compulsive smoker, lights up at an official function

Denmark defends smoking Queen

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

DANES are furious at their arch-enemies Sweden after a Swedish television celebrity dared to criticise their chainsmoking Queen Margrethe for setting a bad example by

lighting up in public.
Writing in the daily Goeteborgs-Posten. Hagge Geigert said: The Danish Queen should show the public an example instead of performing like a living advertisement for cancer-causing tobacco. Her smoking habits are totally irresponsible." The retired but still popu-

lar star criticised the Queen for smoking during a visit to a care centre for asthma victims. He compared her compulsive habit with the politically correct behaviour of King Gustav of Sweden. who only smokes in private. His remarks outraged Danish tabloid newspapers

which accused Sweden of hypocrisy and "typical Swedish double standards". But the Royal Court in Copenhagen took a "laid back" attitude. The Lord Chamberlain said: "Most

Danes think that it is entirely a private matter for the Queen whether or not she Nevertheless, the Queen has been frequently criticised

at home for her smoking. Queen Margarthe is a second

Bosnian hijacker held in Berlin

MASKED German commandos crawled through the back hatch of a grounded airliner in Berlin and overpowered a Bosnian hijacker, prodding him through the open front door on to the runway.

A police spokesman said the 39-year-old Bosnian had lived in the eastern German port of Rostock for the past six years and was due to be sent back to his homeland. However, the man wanted to stay in Germany and the aim of the hijack was to force the German authorities to give him resi-

dency and work permits.

The bloodless climax to the attempted hijack ended a two-The Bosnian appears to have been on the list of refugees to be repatriated by the authorities; the first of several hundred thousand refugees have already been sent home.

Shortly after the mid-morning Austrian Airlines flight took off from Berlin en route to Vienna, the hijacker produced a long knife and demanded that the plane return. The control tower was alerted and all air traffic halted over Berlin.

The hijacker appears to have been lured to the open front door on the basis that talks were about to begin. However, a commando unit that had already slipped into the aircraft through a back

Stock market plan to salvage US pensions

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration yesterday reacted warily to radical proposals to repair America's tottering pensions system by investing social security funds in

Although Wall Street houses reacted gleefully to the suggestion, advanced by a government advisory panel on Monday, that hundreds of billions of dollars of government funds should be poured into company shares, officials said they feared the plan would give the White House an intolerable conflict of interest.

The Government, which is the single most influential force on the US stock market, would also be the greatest beneficiary of any stock market rise, and concerns about the effect on the stock market would infiltrate every element of policy-making. The proposal, one of three plans put forward by the panel, is based on the belief that in the long run, shares in companies will yield much higher returns than government bonds.

But Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, has made clear that he thinks it is a deceptive quick fix which will not work. If social security switches its money out of Treasury bonds into the stock market, other investors might well sell company shares and buy bonds, he says. The change might also make it more expensive for the Government to raise money through bonds.

Pensions are one of the most difficult political problems facing the Administration. It is clear that radical change is needed before the "baby boom" generation retires. Under the present system. where pensions are funded by payroll taxes, social security is expected to start paying out more than it receives in 2012, and to be bankrupt by 2029.

Tony Blair's Shadow Cabinet is keeping a close eye on the US Government's approach to the conundrum, which mirrors Britain's social security problems as the British population ages. The British experience of the difficulty

in fostering personal pensions is one reason why White House officials are nervous of the panel's second suggestion: to "privatise" half of the state pension system by requiring workers to invest in personal pension plans. The panel's third suggestion - to raise taxes - is regarded by all as politically unacceptable.



fix will not work





Gingrich apologises for 'brash style' as Speaker

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

A CHASTENED Newt Gingrich yesterday used his narrow re-election as Speaker of the House of Representatives to apologise for his past ethical lapses and arrogance.

"Let me say to the entire House that to the degree I was too brash, too self-confident or too pushy, I apologise." Mr Gingrich told a packed House. To whatever degree in any way that I have brought controversy or inappropriate attention to the House, I apologise."

aprologise.
It was an extraordinary admission for a belligerent man who has built his political fortunes on absence of self-doubt and a refusal to acknowledge error. Mr Gingrich, whose power was at its peak two years ago when he was first elected Speaker in the "Republican revolution" which seized control of Congress, has seen his authority severely eroded by weeks of ethical investigations which are not yet over

Although Mr Gingrich managed to win last night's vote, he did not get a majority of the total 435 members of the House, but a Democratic challenge on these grounds was thrown out by the Clerk of the House.

Republicans cheered when Robin Carle, the Clerk, announced that Mr Gingrich had been "duly elected". Mr Gingrich's wife, Marianne, joined in the applause from her seat in the gallery.

Mr Gingrich, who said after

Mr Gingrich, who said after a prayer breakfast yesterday that he was "seeking divine guidance" had been constantly on the phone in search of Republican votes. Four senior Republicans opposed Mr Gingrich's candidacy by sup-



Gingrich: was silenced by ethics committee

porting a Democratic motion for an interim Speaker while the ethics questions about Mr Gingrich are investigated.

The climax to the saga, which has transfixed Washington for weeks, came in a House chamber swarming with members' children, a tradition of the opening day of Congress. Running down the aisles, and tugging on their parents' arms out of boredom, they showed as much impatience as Mr Gingrich for the result.

The Speaker, exiled from his central seat in front of the American flag, strode the aisles clapping members on the back and trying to maintain the appearance of confidence.

Despite the vote, the battle has exacted a heavy penalty from Mr Gingrich. His power, at its height during the 1994 "Republican revolution", was eroded during the campaign, when voters made clear that they viewed his Contract with America as unpalatably harsh.

The ethics investigations have further eroded his influence, provoking a shift of power lowards Trent Lott, the Republican Senate leader, and now viewed as the most powerful Republican in Washington. Mr Lott has struck up a rapport with President Clinton which could be of crucial importance in next month's battles over the budget.

Despite his re-election, Mr

Despite his re-election, Mr Gingrich will spend two uncomfortable weeks before the ethics committee announces his punishment. The Speaker has admitted failing to consult a lawyer about the legality of using charitable donations, which were exempt from taxes, to finance a partisan televised lecture course, and to misleading the ethics committee about the source of the lecture course funds.

For the past two weeks Mr Gingrich has been obliged by his plea bargain with the ethics committee to keep silent, an irksome constraint on his ego.

Democrats are hoping that the Gingrich investigations will divert attention from their own problems. The sexual harassment suit brought against President Clinton by Paula Jones is expected to go to the Supreme Court on Monday.



Gene Roberts, a farmer, tries to save some of the 600 cows that were stranded by floods near Modesto, California, after storms which caused 28 deaths (Giles Whittell

Parties condemn

Pakistan army role

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

force. The council is due to

Irshad Ahmed Haqqani, the

Interior Information Minister,

said that its role will be

advisory and its decisions not

The move has provoked a

strong reaction from almost

all the main political leaders.

Benazir Bhutto, the deposed

Prime Minister, accused the President of dragging the

army into politics to save his

job. She said that her party

withdrawing from the

mer Prime Minister, who is

the strongest contender for power, said the council could

not be set up without the approval of parliament

Imran Khan, who also aspires

to be Prime Minister, called

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the move unconstitutional.

Nawaz Sharif, another for-

elections.

seriously considering

binding on the Cabinet.

hold its first meeting today.

The flooding, which came after a series of downpours that began on Boxing Day and lasted until the weekend, has been described by Pete Wilson, the Governor, as the most destructive in the state's history.

Rain and melted snow poured off the Sierra Nevada range into California's Great Central Valley, leaving thousands homeless, stripping

THE newly-formed Council

for Defence and National Sec-

urity, which has insti-

tutionalised the role of the

military in Pakistan's political

power structure, may declare

a state of emergency to deal

with the worsening political

The move has raised serious

doubts that elections will be

held on schedule next month

as both of the main political

parties have rejected the new

arrangement, describing it as

Cabinet approved the forma-

tion of the ten-member council

proposed and headed by Presi-

dent Leghari, who is also the

supreme commander of the

country's armed forces. The

other members include the

Prime Minister, Defence Min-

ister, Interior Minister, Fi-

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chiefs of army, navy and air

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Californians count cost after storm and flood devastation

topsoil from farmland and forcing herds of cattle to swim through neckdeen waters to safety

deep waters to safety.

Forty-two of California's 58 counties were inundated as mountain torrents burst banks and breached dikes intended to protect the region known as America's salad basket. Early estimates put the cost of repairs at more than \$775 million

(£461 million) in nine of the counties, where thousands of acres of winter wheat and tomato seedlings were swept away.

Many of the 125,000 people who were moved out of their homes in California and neighbouring states have now left Red Cross centres and begun assessing the damage to their properties. But relief agencies are

still working round the clock in Modesto, west of the mountains, and on the eastern fringe of normally arid Nevada, where the Governor, Bob Miller, said repairs could cost more than \$500 million.

Gales of 70 mph have toppled articulated lorries on to their sides along exposed sections of the main los Angeles-Las Vegas highway, and closed dozens of main roads.

The disaster was caused when eight feet of snow fell on the Sierra Nevada the weekend before Christmas, then melted in a sudden warm spell over the new year holiday.

US Supreme Court to rule over right to euthanasia

From Bronwen Maddox in washington

THE US Supreme Court will today begin to tackle the most explosive social issue to come before it for years: whether terminally-ill patients should have the right to hasten death with the help of a doctor.

with the help of a doctor.

The question of whether personal freedoms guaranteed by the US Constitution include the right to euthanasia is being heralded as the ethical issue for the next generation, dividing the country in the way abortion has for two

The growing numbers of eiderly people are increasingly aware that the most sophisticated and costly medical care in the developed world may prolong life, but still leave them suffering pain and indignity.

Today the nine Supreme Court justices will hear appeals by the states of Washington and New York. The states want to overturn local court rulings that state bans on doctor-assisted suicide violat-

doctor assisted suicide violated the Constitution.

Jack Kevorkian, the retired pathologist who has been present at about 45 deaths

present at about 45 deaths and has come to symbolise the "right-to-die" cause, has no part in today's events. The issue "doesn't belong in a courtroom. It's a medical service — it belongs in a clinic, a hospital, a home," he argues.

The Court decision, which will be delivered by the sum.

will be delivered by the summer, is awaited across the country. Of the 50 states, 49 have banned euthanasia but regard those bans as near-impossible to enforce until the Court ruling. Only Oregon has backed doctor-assisted suicide in law.

The Court's decision is extraordinarily hard to predict. Despite the state bans, America overall has been moving towards legalising euthanasia for two decades. In a land-

mark case in 1976, the parents of Karen Ann Quinlan won court permission to disconnect her life support system.

The Supreme Court has since ruled that people also have the right to refuse medical treatment.

Supporters of doctor-assisted enthanasia brandish examples from Australia's Northern Territory, which legalised the practice in 1995, and from The Netherlands, where it is accepted. Opponents cite religious objections, and a belief that a doctors' role is to prolong life, not end it.

Li Rome: The Vatican yesterday condemned the death of Janet Mills, 52, the second death under Australia's euthanasia law and urged opponents to campaign harder against the "contagion" of assisted suicide, which is "an act of revolt against God, author of life, and a crime against life". (Reuter)

Peru siege rebel fires

Lima: Two gunshots, apparently fired by a Tupac Amaru rebel who was seen patrolling the lawn around the besieged Japanese Ambassador's residence here before dawn yesterday, again raised tension around the house where 74 people remain hostage (Gabrielia Gamini writes).

at police

The shots appeared to have been fired from the walled garden, in the direction of police posts which are set up outside, a spokesman for the authorities said. The Peruvian police said the rebel "on patrol" had fired at one of their observation posts. Nobody was injured.

'No big change' in Deng's health

Peking China has denied that senior leader Deng Xiaoping's health had deteriorated amid a recent hout of reports in Hong Kong that he had been rushed to hospital after periods of unconsciousness (James Pringle writes).

ringle writes.
Shen Guofang, of the Foreign Ministry, said there was no big change in the 92-year-old leader's health. For an old man, Mr Deng was doing relatively well he said.

13 die in blast

Algiers: A powerful car bomb exploded near Place Audin, in the heart of the Algerian capital, killing at least 13 people and injuring 20. No group immediately claimed responsibility. (AP)

Torture plea

Nairobi: Kenya has failed to halt widespread torture involving electric shocks and sexual abuse. Amnesty International said, urging the country's Medical Association to condemn the acts. (Reuter)

Lagos bombing

Lagos: A bomb blew up a Nigerian army bus inside a military camp in Lagos, killing two soldiers and wounding 29 people. It was the third such attack in less than five weeks. (Reuter)

New Sofia leader

Sofia: Bulgaria's ruling Socialists nominated Nikolai Dobrev, 49, the powerful Interior Minister, as Prime Minister to head the country's ninth government since one-party rule ended in 1989. (Reuter)

Tug of love

Peking: Chinese surgeons took 17 hours to reconnect the trunk of Babu, an amorous elephant, after it was severed when it caught in a grating while the animal was playing with a female at a zoo. (AFP)

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Forgotten Gandhi 'remains' to be given Ganges rite

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

pendent India, are to be immersed in the Ganges, the holiest of India's rivers. They have been held almost forgotten in a bank vault since 1950.

The Supreme Court ruled that the ashes, in a wooden box, should go on a tour of India before being immersed by Tushar Arun Gandhi, the

hatma Gandhi, father of inde-

by Tushar Arun Gandhi, the Mahatma's great grandson. He said he expected to empty them in the Ganges at Allahabad on January 30.

He has fought a two-year legal battle for possession of the ashes, deposited in the State Bank of India on November 20, 1950, in the castern

State Bank of India on November 29, 1950, in the eastern city of Cuttack by an Orissa state official. It is not known why they were there or who had possession of them. Non-denominational prayers are to be said when the ashes are immersed in hon-

inter-religious harmony.

The Orissa state government questioned whether the ashes were those of the Mahatma. The Supreme Court ruled that there was no reason.

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Gandhi, assassinated by a Hindu fanatic in 1948, was cremated in Delhi. He is largely irrelevant in modern India, and for the first time there is public questioning of some of his "experiments with truth". Extremist Hindus, who hate him for his supposed "appeasement" of Muslims, recently mocked his

experiments with sexual disci-

pline, which included sleep-

ing alongside two women a

third of his age to prove that he had overcome desire.

Gandhi once said he was convinced he had conquered sexual desire until the morning he awoke in a state of arousal after an erotic dream at the age of 67. He called it his darkest hour, "a frightful experience" 30 years after taking the vow of brahmacharya (sexual abstinence). He went on a fast to content.

plate what had happened. Bal Thackeray, leader of the fanatical Shiv Sena in Bombay, called Gandhi a "complete fraud" in his professed brahmacharya. Shiv Sena has links with the RSS, the secretive Hindu brother-hood that inspired Nathuram Godse to assassinate Gandhi

Godse to assassinate Gandhi.

The Congress party, which led India to independence under Gandhi's guidance, called Shiv Sena's criticism of his sexual experiments the work of "sick minds". All Hindu political parties, save for those on the extreme Right, have condemned Mr Thackeray, who has expressed admiration for Hitler.

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The ortolan: not a meal

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

ALAIN JUPPE, the French Prime Minister, has flown into another damaging row by admitting to a taste for ortolan or bunting, the sangbird beloved by traditional Gallic gourmands but technically prolected under French law.

In a recent interview with Elle magazine, he discussed the bird, revarded as one of the greatest delicacies in French cuising and remarked: "The funny thing about ortologis is that it is forbidden to hunt or sell them but, in the best places, you can still find them."

M Juppe described in detail how acked on ortolan at a

Brigitte Bardot The French League for the Protection of Birds has filed an official complaint with the European Commission.

The dispute has overtones of elitism, since the ortolan is regarded as a dish reserved for the rich and powerful, which once prompted Balzac to write: "And as for us, do yoù think we eat ortolans?

Adding to the furore is a new book about François Mitterrand which reveals the late President's relish for the little creatures. It describes how he once are two at a single sitting, along with 30 oysters, fore gras and a capon.

"While the homeless are dying of hunger and cold, this gastronomic display by ministers and

Bardot "Sirs, have a little decency."

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The ortolan is a Eurasian garden and field bird which grows fat in France before heading to North Africa and the Middle East in the autumn. Measuring about 6.2in, with a greyish head and pale yellow throat, the bird's song of six or seven notes is similar to the

related yellow hammer. When it lands in France, the ortolan is in a legal limbo. Since it does not figure on the list of approved game birds, hunting it is technically illegal, but since it is absent from the list of protected species, local authorities often turn a blind eye. Ornithologists say the number of ortolans has dropped in recent years since up to 150,000 are

paigners, including former actress but revolting, thundered Mme trapped every year as they migrate across southwest France. An ortolan weighing less than an ounce can fetch up to Fr300 (£40) on the black market during August and

> The ortolan is not a meal for the int-hearted. After being trapped, the birds are fattened on grain for three weeks. The coup de grace is administered, according to the gruesome recipe described in Le Figaro newspaper, with its beak in armagnac, having been de-

> prived of its tiny gizzard". The bird is then garnished and baked for seven minutes. It is eaten whole, bones, innards and all, crunched in the mouth into a paste and swallowed - a spectacle so unsightly that it traditionally takes

like that of foie gras with truffles," according to Le Figaro.

M Juppe's injudicious remarks have left him with two unpalatable options: if he stands by his tastebuds, the sin of chewing up small songbirds is likely to dent his rock-bottom popularity among environmentalists. But if he renounces his affection for the dish. he will anger not only traditional chefs but also the powerful hunting lobby.

The National Union in Defence of Traditional Hunting has already waded in. "Ortolan hunting has been practised since Roman times and the species has still not disappeared, as far as I know," Jean-Jacques Hague, head of the hunting union, said.



Juppe: snacked on bird at recent Gascon feast

Kidnappings were part of Cold War, says ex-spymaster

MARKUS WOLF, the former Communist spymaster, yes-terday rejected official charges of kidnapping agents during the Cold War, and in a rare flash of public anger and passion, launched a blistering attack on the German authorities. Herr Wolf, who for 30 years

led East Germany's spying offensive against the West, was in combative mood on the first day of his trial in the windowless top-security Dusseldorf courtroom originally built for the hearings against his most successful agent, Günther Guillaume. prosecutor, he said, wanted to put him in the same ranks as common criminals. I reject these attempts ".

Much of the prosecution case was based, he said, on pure fabrication". He was guided throughout his espio nage career by patriotic motives. Neither the constitution nor the laws of the country I served were

The German authorities were denied a chance to jail Herr Wolf for treason and espionage three years ago, because the Constitutional Court rules that this would violate his right to be treated equally with West German before the law. Instead, the prosecutor has excavated three cases from the early days of the Cold War and is pressing criminal charges of kidnapping and assault. The test cases include the seizing, in 1955, of a 26-year-old West Berlin woman who was working as a translator for the US authorities in Berlin.

Herr Wolf's East German spies tried unsuccessfully to Trapp. The spymaster - reading in a firm voice from an of the West German intellieight-page declaration - argued that Western intelligence services carried out many abductions in the east. His months would include a catalogue of Western attempts to force or blackmail East Germans into espionage activity. Kidnapping, he made clear,

was simply part of Cold War Another accusation read out in court was that Herr Wolf approved the arrest of Georg Angerer, a printer and former Gestapo collaborator in occupied Norway. The man knew Willy Brandt — later to be West German Chancellor -

as a resistance fighter in Norway. Herr Wolf's agents tried to force Herr Angerer to smear Brandt as a Gestapo informer, and thus destroy his political career. The printer was held for six months and put under psychological pressure, but ultimately the plan

In his defence yesterday, Herr Wolf declared that "the exposure of former Nazis was



Wolf: eareer "guided by patriotic motives"

in contrast to the activities gence organisations - part of the legitimate mission of the East German services". The arrest warrant for Herr Angerer bears the signature Markus Wolf, and is thus one of the few compromising documents against the spymaster.

The final charge concerns a 1962 abduction of a defecting Stasi officer, who was lured to Austria, beaten up, and then returned to East Germany, where he faced a military tribunal and served 10 years' hard labour. According to the prosecutor, Herr Wolf supervised the operation. Herr Wolf denied having any such powers, and blamed other members of the interior Ministry.

The 73-year-old spy chief sporting a tan after a skiing holiday — seemed confident of victory. The prosecution case depends heavily on Ms Trapp's readiness to return from the United States to testify. But she is reluctant to do so. The defence will argue that kidnap charges - one of them 42 years old - fall under the statute of limitations, and can no longer be prosecuted Herr Wolf said yesterday that the authorities were motivated

by revenge.

The Constitutional Court German spies had, he said, angered Bonn. The federal prosecutors were among the ungracious winners of the Cold War, and are now showing themselves to be bad losers." The prosecutor, however, is sure he can demonstrate Herr Wolf's involvement -- as organiser or superviser - in the crimes. Organisational charts show that he had direct responsibility for such missions.



Patriarch Aleksi presides at a Russian Orthodox Christmas service in Moscow yesterday. The feast has re-emerged as an important event in Russia

Moscow marks Christmas in rebuilt cathedral

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

MILLIONS of worshippers flocked to celebrate the Orthodox Christmas Patriarch Aleksi II, leader of the

Russian Orthodox Church, led a congregation of hundreds in Moscow for the first Christmas service held in the country's most famous church, the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour since its rebuilding. The church. Russia's largest, was destroyed in 1931 by Stalin during the anti-religious purges and later Khrushchev turned the site into a

The cathedral's multimillion-pound reconstruction over the past two years.

paid for in part by private donations, has stood as a symbol of the rebirth of Orthodoxy in Russia, where churches and monasteries once again are com-

Although the new year remains the main Russian family holiday, Orthodox Christmas, celebrated according to the Julian calendar on January 7. has re-emerged as an important religious event, marked vesterday by packed churches and live television coverage of the services.

The country's political elite, made up mostly of former members of the Soviet Communist Party, was not slow in renewing its courtship of the Church and its tens of millions of adherents, President Yeltsin, who had

been due to go to church, missed the Christmas celebrations and instead spent most of the day in bed at his building schemes launched by the country home, apparently struck down by a flu virus which has affected several members of his family.

That left the spotlight yesterday on Yuri Luzhkov, the capital's stocky Mayor, who led dignitaries inside the newly finished interior of the cathedral, whose reconstruction is largely due to his personal efforts.

The cathedral, which took 60 years to build in thanksgiving for Russia's defeat of Napoleon, was stripped of its icons, marble and gold leaf before being dynamited on Stalin's orders. Its reconstruction, which is due to be completed this year in time for Mos-

is the centrepiece of several grand ambitious Mayor, whom many regard as a future Kremlin leader. Mr Luzhkov, 50, who is a close

friend and supporter of President Yeltsin, won a 90 per cent majority at his mayoral re-election last summer in Moscow. He has since made clear that his ambitions stretch far beyond the limits of the sprawling capital

In the past few months, he has spoken out on several national issues: in particular he has denounced the Chechnya peace deal as a sell-out and has vehemently challenged Ukraine's sovereignty over Sevastopol. Crimea's

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Russian monkeys return to steppes after space mission

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

touched down on the steppes of northern Kazakhstan yesterday after a two-week mission in space to test the effects of weightlessness on animals and plants.

A Russian Space Forces spokesman said the Bion-Il capsule containing the two Macague monkeys, Captain Multik and his colleague Lapik, as well as a collection of smails, insects and plants, returned to earth early on the Russian Orthodox Christmas

The craft was launched on December 24 from the Plesetsk cosmodrome in northern Russia, where the monkeys had been trained to press pedals and computer keys to get food and drink.

The animals are now undergoing medical tests near the landing site and will then be flown to Moscow, where the Institute of Medical and Biological Problems will study how they readjust to gravity.



TWO Russian monkeys safely The \$30 million (£17 million) mission was supported by Nasa, America's space agen-cy, which put up half the funds, and France. Ukraine and Lithuania. The space flight, which went

ahead despite protests from animal rights groups in America, is the latest in a pro-gramme which started in 1973. Further missions are planned next year. The data will help in planning manned flights.

Cape Canaveral: Nasa cleared the launch this weekend of the space shuttle Atlantis to bring back the astronaut John Blaha from Russia's Mir space station.

Mr Blaha, who has been living on Mir since September, will be replaced by Jerry Linenger, who will also spend four months aboard the station. It will be the fifth time the shuttle has docked with Mir. Technicians have tightened

the screws in the gearboxes of Atlantis's hatches. A loose one jammed a hatch on her sister shuttle, Columbia in November, forcing the cancellation of two spacewalks.

Engineers concluded that Atlantis's solid-fuel rocket boosters were safe, despite damage that was caused to nozzle insulation on the last two shuttle flights.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Arianespace plans to launch at least 18 satellites this year. Roger Solari, the director of Arianespace-Kourou, said the number might increase if the new Ariane 5 rocket, which can carry three satellites, is

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Anjana Ahuja on how the right nutrients now can prevent serious illnesses later







Lindsey Irvine, left, Maria Mann, centre, and Ian Tyler found their health improved after taking Antony Haynes's advice

Simple tests to put you in tip-top condition

insist we can all eat our way to tip-top health. Its three principles are simple each of us is biochemically nique and therefore requires a different balance of foods; no one nutrient can work alone: and lifestyle and environment influence our dietary needs.

Providing nutritional corrections for small imbalances can help to prevent more serious conditions. Antony Haynes, a nutrition consultant, claims to be able to offer "total or significant relief" from an almost endless ream of complaints. Examples include stress, angina, arthritis. ailergies, multiple sclerosis. infertility, acne, addictions and even poor memory.

After an intial one-hour consultation, three main tests are at Mr Haynes's disposal. Samples are sent either to a laboratory in London or one in America for analysis.

The first is the Adrenal Stress Index Test, which measures the levels and ratio of two important stress horThe DISCOVERY DIET GUIDE

mones, cortisol and DHEA. The levels of these hormones vary throughout the day: this is called a circadian rhythm.

The test involves taking saliva samples four times during one day. "Apart from telling people not to drink caffeine, this shows hormone levels over a real day." Mr Haynes says. "Saliva is much

easier to collect than blood or urine. One can also measure hormones more effectively. Normal hospitals don't measure the relationship between these hormones. Yet this index can explain sleeping problems, low sex drive, chronic fatigue, a stressed-out and vulnerable immune system and an underactive thyroid. We can also catch borderline conditions that would other-

healthy digestive system processes food and converts it into energy. It breaks down food and sorts nutrients from waste products. Vitamins and minerals are carried across the wall of the gut into the bloodstream, and the remainder is sent through the body as waste. The balance is a delicate one - the gastro-intestinal tract, or the lining of the gut must allow nutrients to pass into the body while

Mr Haynes says: "Another of the main problems with digestion is leaky-gut syndrome. This is when big food molecules and toxins leak out of the gut when they are not supposed to, and the immune system cannot cope."

affected is the liver, which helps to detoxify the body. This build-up of unwanted chemicals can cause disorders such as arthritis, skin complaints and food allergies.

The proteins upon which the nutrients hitch their ride into the bloodstream can also be damaged. This makes them less able to do their job. triggering deficiencies.

A simple urine test can pick up this syndrome. Mr Haynes explains: "The patient drinks two undigestible carbonyed through urine six hours later. If large amounts are not secreted, there is a problem." Naturally, stool analysis

indicate how effective the digestive system is, how well nutrients are being absorbed and the levels of friendly and narmful bacteria. Risk Evaluation. Even though

sive test is the Osteoporosis the devastating effects of this bone-wasting disease do not middle or old age, doctors now think that the factors which make a woman more susceptible are set decades earlier. Scans can show the disease

once it appears, but by that time it is usually too late. Mr Haynes offers a urine test, which claims to measure the rate of bone turnover in young people. Bone is continually being broken down and renewed. However, if the bone is breaking down faster than it is being replaced, bone loss

As the old bone degrades, two types of collagen, which knit bone together, are secreted into the urine. The levels of these collagen crosslinks provide a biochemical marker of bone loss. The higher the levels of these knitting chemicals, the worse the loss is.

This, in turn, will indicate whether someone is at risk of developing osteoporosis. The individual is then advised on how to fend off the condition, by raising calcium intake This index

and exercising

explains a Mr Haynes says: We have just begun to offer the test. low sex so we don't have drive and any follow-up studies, but there are chronic extensive studies in America showing it fatigue' can pick up signs of

early bone loss very quickly." Maria Mann is a 30-year- completely red, and someold medical secretary. She is married and lives in awful. Wimbledon.

At the beginning of last year I started getting ill every month. I was vomiting, had diarrhoca, and was so exhausted I had trouble getting up off the bathroom floor. I kept taking a very in-depth questionnaire.

The tests showed that I was suffering from a leaky gut. f

features. These examinations The most impressive test is the Osteoporosis Risk Evaluation, the bone-wasting disease that affects mainly women

> there. You know you're not functioning at full throttle, but don't want to take up your doctor's time unnecessarily. After all, there's nothing actually wrong with you, is there? This, according to Mr Haynes, is the problem with the sort of medicine practised by GPs. "Modern medicine suppresses the symptoms of disease only once they appear," says Mr Haynes, the founder of the Better

> > and can't measure when things begin To make the comparison simpler, he asks me to consider an analogy while sitting at my desk: "Imagine that the ceiling represents good health, the desk

was told to stay off wheat, rye,

oats, barley, processed sugar

foods, dairy products, caffeine,

high fat foods and alcohol. He

also gave me a powdered

drink called Ultraclear Sus-

tain to take three times a day.

it was disgusting but worth it

- I now don't have any

symptoms at all. As for all the

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Lindsey Irvine,

29, is a profession-

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Health Clinic in central London. "It

doesn't root out the underlying cause

WE all know the feeling. A few

headaches here, a spot of exhaustion

ing near the ceiling. But doctors can only help you once you reach the desk. We can pick up the signs before you reach the desk, and get you back up

towards the ceiling." Mr Haynes started as a sports scientist, then studied at the Institute of those of a very active person, although I Optimum Nutrition. He is a practitioner of functional medicine, a branch of complementary medicine which claims to be able to spot the subtle signs -'imbalances in function" - that things are going wrong, and in many cases '

pinpoint the cause. Mr Haynes and Bharti Makhijani, a fellow nutritionist based at the Life

min supplements if appropriate. He says: "I have written about 2,000 plans,

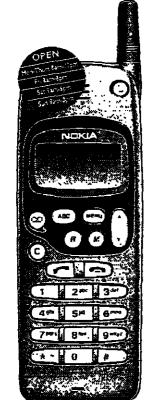
and no two have ever been the same. "You have to give different advice to different people. The requirements of a sedentary person will be different from would probably recommend that the

sedentary person does some exercise."

Providing education is also important, Mr Haynes says. "Doctors don't have time to educate their patients. This allows people to take responsibility for

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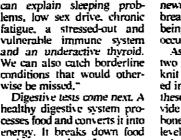
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I went to an allergy specialist, who said that I was allergic to virtually everything I was cating. Even though I almost stopped eating, it didn't change anything, and by this time I had lost a lot of weight. Antony suspected it was something to do with my adrenal glands because my energy was so low. it was possible that my immune system was suffering as a result. I also had a stool

times it would weep. It was

test, which showed that there was an imbalance in my gut and that, rather than having an allergy, I wasn't digesting food properly. I also had the wrong type of bacteria. He gave me several supplements and advised me to cut out dairy foods, wheat, caffeine, sugar and animal fats. I have stuck to his advice since mid-August and I feel brilliant.

Ian Tyler, 32, is a commodities trader near the City. He is married and lives in

In the middle of 1995 developed a stiff back. My GP referred me to a specialist who discovered that the base of the spine was inflamed. He gave me some pills but the condition didn't go away. Instead it got worse. I could no longer play sport and some days I couldn't walk. By February last year I couldn't move.

Somebody suggested the Life Centre. I saw Bharti Makhijani. She gave me supplements and vitamins, including a powdered drink called Enteroguard, to regenerate my gut. On a second visit, Bharti suggested I have the Adrenal Stress Index Test. I turned out to be the worst case she had ever seen. She put me on more vitamins and minerals, including Vitamin C and concentrated fish oils. After two weeks I improved dramatically.

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An alternative view from a compulsive consumer of diet advice who simply can't conceive of giving up pasta

yersion of persogra from seasonal bloat, I'm riny, the forbidden charged with enthusiasm for pelled to read, with eyes ing and breats shorten-Mine is the outpourings the diet industry:

Fwas a restaurant critic for 12 years — and, indeed, still ally - have been a food writer for more than a year and am now writing a book on eating which I am researching dutifully), so I suppose it follows quite naturally that my thrills

don't want to read about. The point is, infuriatingly batty though much of seems to be, it is, or I find it, also tremendously reassuring. When I read, on Monday,

Mary Killen's account of her wonderful, life-altering diet, in the pursuit of which she was told "to avoid wheat, yeast, dairy products, tomatoes, orange juice, coffee, sugar and chocolate", I felt let off. 1 come from reading about know that however

> Like all of would not be prepared to give all that up. I know I cannot be doing with any form of diet which involves such descivation. And deprivation it is, even though every claim is

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kali view of the world, as laid out yesterday, purports not to be about giving anything up, but later, we're told that 'loods to avoid at all costs range from coffee, iea, ham and bacon to spaghetti, crackers and milk". Give me a break here: how is anyone supposed to lead an ordinary life? As far as I'm concerned, if it involves never eating pasta again, or never drinking tea, I am not

I take what is now considered a hideously old-fash-

People may bang on about acid build-ups, intolerances or biochemical reactions as (scientifically) persuaded that it is calorie intake which

I concede there are other factors. I don't suggest what makes up those calories is nutritionally immaterial: I accept that the demands of health require that we get most of these calories from low-fat. high-carbohydrate sources for a start.

Even diets which claim to allow you to eat as much as port, at closer in spection, the calorie-governing

rule. Mary Killen's daily intake, as charted in her piece, didn't seem to me to be enormously calorific. To be frank, it would have been surprising to me if she hadn't lost

weight eating like that. What I do concede though, is that different people do need different diets. don't think that so much because I'm persuaded that we all need, for biochemical reasons, to eat differently in order to lose weight, but that dicting in a different way. It is. to put it baidly, all in the head. Everyone who has ever dieted, or tried to diet, knows

If you can't get your mind in gear, it is impossible to lose the weight: but once your mind is made up and focused it all clicks into place. It makes sense, then, that the diet that works is the diet that suits the .[enlividual

I know that I could not ever be one of those mutitional evangelicals, in which the diet all but takes the place of a religion, with all the thoushalt-nots, articles of faith and so forth. But many people obviously flourish (or, in their terms, desirably diminish

under such regimes. For weight to be lost, it still has to be that one is expending more energy than one is consuming. But if it makes people feel better, freer, whatever, to put their faith in the dark workings of their intestines or whatever, why shouldn't they?

Frankly, given that for every dictary theory there's another one ready to refute it - the Zone diet, for instructive example, is more pro-fat and anti-carbohydrate - you might as well just stick to the one that appeals to you and

LOSING weight is not the only good reason for changing diet. People who try out nutritional therapy often cite a lack of energy as their main spur. Now a study published in the British Journal of Nutrition suggests that, just as athletes hit the carbohydrates during tough training schedules, eating more of these loods could help the average person on a normal diet to unlock more

energy from his or her body.

In a six-month experiment, Dutch researchers studied 19 women and 21 men, all fit, healthy and of normal weight, aged between 20 and 35. Half were put on a full-fat diet and half on a low-fat version. The volunteers had to pick either full-fat or low-fat versions of foodstuffs from a selection offered by the researchers. These included spreads, dressings, cheeses, meats, biscuits, pizzas and desserts. The full-fat subjects were required to eat at least 37 grams of fat; the others 17.5

grams.

Provided they stuck to these restrictions on fat content, the subjects were allowed to eat any other types of foods, and consume as much alcohol as they wished. Energy expenditure and physical activity level (PAL) in the body (both are calculated by using metabolic rate) were measured before, during and after the experiment. The PAL level is an indicator of how effective the body is at turning food

After a few months, eating habits began to change. The subjects on the full-fat diet tended to cut down on their carbohydrate intake. The low-fat volunteers, on the other hand, gravitated towards a diet rich This divergence in diet seems to have

been a response to changes in the body.

Those on the low-fat, high-carbohydrate showed higher levels of PAL. The researchers, from the University of Limburg in Maastricht, the Wageningen Agricultural University, and Unilever Research Laboratories in Vlaardingen. suggest that cutting down on fat results in metabolic rates, and thus PAL, going up. The body responds by demanding more carbohydrates. This is in line with sports studies

showing that athletes conforming to gruelling training schedules eat more carbohydrates. The Dutch nutritionists say that this is the first study to show that the same thing happens to individuals of average fitness who follow "realistic"

The results are startling because the low-fat diet and high-fat diet were not dramatically different in terms of actual fat content. The low-fat group derived 33 per cent of calories from fat, whereas the high-fat group derived 41 per cent of calories from fat. Yet, after only six months, this modest difference prompted a measurable shift in the types of food consumed. Before the study, all subjects were roughly comparable in their fat

intake (35 per cent or just under).

The researchers, led by Dr Klaas
Westerterp at the University of Limburg,
say that, while they could find a direct relationship between carbohydrate and increased PAL, they could not detect a relationship between PAL and fat levels. "This suggests that fat is not the primary nutrient to change when subjects increase

Why we should all tuck into more potatoes

their activity level." they Fat does not seem to have a bearing on energy expenditure. In other words, energy was still used at the same rate whether subjects reduced their fat or not. Other investigations suggest that fat intake would have to be extreme to change energy expenditure. So cutting down on fat by a modest amount should not affect the way your body uses up energy, and will prompt a shift to more carbohydrates, which is nutritionally better.

This finding, published last month, is in harmony with research published in the British Medical Journal last week showing that diets based on calorie counting

are not as effective at keeping weight off as those based on a low-fat, high-carbohydrate philosophy. Dieters allowed to eat unlimited quantities of bread, potatoes and pasta kept weight off better than those who followed a fixed-calorie diet. If these studies are to be believed,

carbohydrates have an undeserved reputation as the enemy of the healthy eater. Yet these foods could be our saviour. The average Briton has a diet comprising 40 per cent fat, a figure that, despite decades of Government health campaigns, has not budged since the Seventies.

We should be eating nearer 30 per cent. a tall order when so many of us buy convenience foods. However, with obesity levels rising to epidemic proportions in developed countries, the sooner we

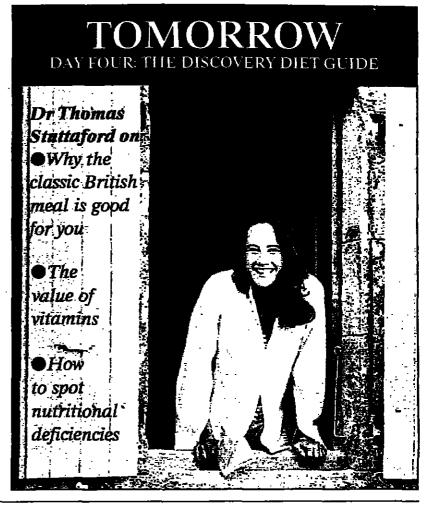
change the better.

One way of approaching the magic 30 per cent mark is to eat more starch, which is a complex carbohydrate that the body breaks down gradually and converts into energy. Major sources are bread, pasta and potatoes. But people wrongly avoid these foods because of their unfounded

reputation as fattening.

The Institute of Food Research is aware of the problem, and is developing a strategy to encourage people to eat more starchy foods such as bread and pasta. Experts from the consumer science unit at the IFR in Norwich, say that if we wish to cut down on fat, we should look to starchy foods to make up the shortfall.

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Is this the start of something big?



The lingerie look: A slip dress in the Philosophy range by Alberta Ferretti



You can keep your lacy scanties, what women really cannot resist is a good, stout pair of drawers. And they're back in a big way, says Jane Shilling

nere was a time when an Englishwoman's underwear was an entirely private matter -- a confidential arrangement between herself and Marks & Spencer. The only time the whole business ventured, so to speak, into the public arena, was a couple of times a year, at Christmas and birthdays, when one's Significant Other, unless properly trained, would sheepishly produce a beribboned box containing a microscopic three-piece set of something tracically unsuitable, made from scratchy synthetic lace.

The size, on these occasions, tends to show evidence of an onset of wild panic (or reprehensible fantasy) in the lingerie shop, the colour (horrid shades of cerise, mauve or eau-de-nil) is enough to bring on migraine, and the solution to the whole sorry business lies in a visit. after a tactful interval, to the Oxfam shop. This aside, and despite everything that the advertisers would have us

believe to the contrary, there exists in the mind of the British female absolutely no connection between underwear and sex, and fashion. What we require from our underwear is that it should be warm, decent and comfortable - and above all, that it should not Draw Attention To Itself.

Season after recent season, however, the catwalks of Paris and thronged with slips of girls with nothing between them and the elements but a weenv bra worn under a cobweb blouse, or a couple of square inches of bias-cut satin. Still, this is the sort of thing we expect from the Continent. On this side of the Channel, the siren lure of under-

deaf ears.

Come out in her smalls, what does she think she looks like?" muses the Englishwoman, as she turns the pages of a glossy magazine during her annual visit to the hairdressers. "Catch her death, poor dear," she mentally adds, warm in the cosy embrace of her Damart vest... "This season," enthuses

the editorial. "you will be partying in

wear as outerwear continues to fall on

your petty." Harumph, thinks the Englishwoman, resolving to get her faithful old taffeta warhorse drycleaned for the uninteenth time. But good gracious, hang on a minute. what is this, shining like a beacon from every single new season's collection? It is a pair of big knickers, that's what. And when I say big, I mean huge. Suddenly they are everywhere, knickers of a size and voluminousness not seen since your grandma last changed into

some time back in 1963. In the spring collections, Romeo Gigli puts them under a lampshade-shaped shift of glittery tulle; at Prada they are waist-high under blood-red chiffon. while Anna Molinari offers a tantalising vision of white schoolgirl pants splashed with blood-red poppies

her bathing costume on the beach

beneath a modest tent of floral towelling

beneath a tube of Elastoplast-coloured crochet. Versace has possibly the most splendid pair of all - an imposing article in lemon-yellow satin of a cut so generous that it would undoubtedly double as a most efficient parachute.

Now, Englishwomen have a very special place in their hearts for big knickers. It is all to do with our education. When small we were exhorted by our mamas to put a clean pair on in the mornings no matter w school we were made to wear them for gymnastics; those of us educated by nuns think fondly of hours idled away underpinnings... In short, you can keep your lacy scanties. What we really cannot resist is a stout pair of drawers.

And stout is what these improbable additions to the lexicon of high fashion are. They have high waists, and lacetrimmed legs, and Firm Control panels to the front (and in one arresting example, the rear as well). There is very little chance that Dolce

and Gabbana's leopardskin bloomers will disappear up the crack in your bottom. And what perfect heaven to have that troublesome hardy pe-rennial, the Visible Panty Line, suddenly transformed into a positive virtue. It is enough to make one rush straight out to Knightsbridge for a close encounter into Haute Couture. Except that if one

disappointed. The buyers have not fallen in love with Big Knickers. They do not think the customers are ready for them. "I can't see people walking through Knightsbridge dressed like that, says Lucille Lewin of Whistles. "For the beach, may-

does, one is liable to be

Dolce & Gabbana's bloomers be," says Françoise Tessier of Browns, "but not in the street. The husbands won't stand for it."

Now, in France and Italy you can well imagine that a man, finding his wife dressed in Sonia Rykiel's wisp of black lace with salmon-coloured knicks, would commence to yell and then order her to change into something decent on pain of stopping her dress allowance. Here, though, one can be fairly sure that if one appeared in Versace's lemonyellow pièce de resistance and said, Darling, tell me honestly, what do you think?" one's husband would raise his glance momentarily from the sports pages and say nothing more controversial than "Mmm. Very nice. What a bloody shower in Zimbabwe, eh?"

Still, all is not lost. Couture knickers may be thin on the ground, but the high street knows better than to underestimate the potential market for a proper pair of pants. Hennes and Miss Selfridge and Sloggi and faithful old Marks & Spencer are heaving with stretch damask and lace insets and criss-cross Lycra panels, and not a thong in sight. And I myself have seen, at Rigby & Peller, a capacious garment in pale pink silk and cream net, which, if it turned up on my birthday in a ribboned box, definitely wouldn't be making the trip to the Oxfam shop.



Kate Moss proudly shows off her big panties, courtesy of Dolce & Gabbana

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The handbag is making a quiet comeback. Sales of designer leather

goods are up, and this ski

season Eurotrash woman has chosen Dior's Lady Di hand-

bag as the perfect match for

But handbags no longer

possess the brazen personalities they did ten years ago,

when they would clank into any gathering, gold chains rattling, outsize logos flash-

ing. By comparison, they're

now discreet little things, at

best suave and elegant, at

Even the chicest among

them do not like to shout too

loud. Lulu Guinness's are

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White elasticated waisted knickers with trilly lace edging by Patricia, £27.50, from Rigby and Peller.

handbag makes a comeback

The discreet

Stylish women need something classic to clutch, says Grace Bradberry

and not a lot to carry round. will be delighted. Rebellion is on the horizon for the rest of us. Forget Evita and her ditzy little Dior bags, what did Che Guevara carry his kit around in? Not a collection of tattered Marks & Spencer carriers. one imagines.

No matter how much we loathe the baggage that comes with bags, it's impossible to dissociate ourselves from something when it's clasped in our hands. And since psychoanalysts would have us believe that handbags symholise a woman's sexual organs, it's a terrible mistake to

transport one's belongings in something that's saggy and

hattered. If labels are important, and your essentials compact, then a designer make-up bag could solve the dilemma. For £45. you can nip into Prada and buy a soft, black, zip-up case, that will fit perfectly at the side of the lunchtable, or can be kept firmly under your foot if you don't wish to pay,

hopping bags — roomy and utilitarian — have been fashion items in their own right for some time. Portobello Princesses have a

whole stock; coloured nylon string bags from the Conran Shop for their guavas, checked Mexican bags imported by Emma Bernhardt for browsing the second-hand shops. When entering a chichi boutique, a well stuffed, apparently brand new designer bag is best — it suggests serious intent.

Sadiy, you can no longer take a heavily logo-ed carrier bag anywhere but a shop, as Kate Reardon, fashion director of Tatler, points out: "If you're not going to carry a handhag it should mean you're secure enough not to need the designer label at all." ironically, this can make a DKNY bag more useful than one from the Donna Karan mainline. Even so, you'll have to part with £150 for an item

full-size carrier. But there is only one way in which you can avoid this minefield altogether. The best thing is your boyfriend's pocket," says Kate Reardon. That's the point of going shopping with a man. They're mobile handbags."

sufficiently bulky to merit the

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A passion for high adventure

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Sir Francis Chichester, left, was knighted for sailing single-handed around the world. Richard Branson, above, follows in the footsteps of the great adventurers. Howard Hughes, right, revelled in his record-breaking flights

l'orture plea n the tradition of explorers and adventurers before him, Richard Varrobi. Kema ba ba Branson has given back to the British public a character feared itide pread torte. destine shots: lost forever.

He has restored our love for conquest and the thrill of danger with a plot worthy of Jules Verne. With no new lands to discover, peaks to conquer or ocean depths to plumb. there was only one option left onwards and upwards in the flight path of Phileas Fogg. By popular consent, Mr Branson can

now claim the title "Britain's last great adventurer". His own money, enthusiasm and courage propel him.

His predecessors would applaud Like the Virgin magnate, they too had a romantic streak. Adventure was to be undertaken for its com sake — not for commercial gain or personal glory But there was always an element of obsession, perhaps a touch of madness

with some. They would test themselves and their fellows to the very limit. Scott of the Antarctic's reputation has been smeared by claims that his mistakes en route for the South Pole cost brave men their lives. Forty years ago, Sir Raymond Priestley, who survived as a member of the expedi-

tion's northern party, attacked his leader for disorganisation and psychologically handicapping his men". The attack caused a public outcry even though Sir Raymond tempered his criticism with praise. Scott's errors

were more than atoned for by the manner of his death." he said. An English upper-class sang-froid characterised the great adventurers of the past. They never quaked at danger or shied away from impossible odds.

Among the Boy's Own hall of fame luminaries who inspired the young Mr Branson was Colonel Percy Fawcett, a British explorer who surveyed the borders of Bolivia and Brazil before disappearing in the Amazon forest.



As Richard Branson attempts his recordbreaking flight, Bill Frost looks at the intrepid explorers who preceded him

The colonel's obituary in 1925 spoke of his "dangerous but admirable passion for adventure". Like Mr Branson, Fawcett always paid his own way. In the course of his expeditions to unmapped jungles he was to become obsessed with tribal legends about mysterious light-skinned people and fabulous cities. Finding these "castles in the air, as one commentator

the subject of contemporary myth and legend. So effectively had he captured the public imagination that stories circulated for 30 years after his disappearance that Fawcett was alive and well in the jungle. The author Evelyn Waugh used the Fawcett legend as the basis for the dark conclusion to his novel A Handful of Dust.

The Victorian mountaineer Edward



Percy Fawcett, the explorer who disappeared in the Amazon jungle

On his final trip to the Amazon basin, Colonel Fawcett was accompanied by his son Jack, 21, and another young man, Raleigh Rimell. They set out from the town of Cuiaba on the edge of the Mato Grosso on April 20, 1925, and by May had reached a place the colonel named Dead Horse Camp.

Plagued by insects and ravaged by fever, they pressed deeper into the jungle in search of the lost city of "Z". Fawcett wrote one last letter to his wife - that was the last that was ever heard of him. Rescue expeditions were launched and some of the party's equipment was found. It was believed that Fawcett "paid the highest price for

his pursuit of a great adventure".

In the absence of a body he became

described them, became his mission. Whymper was hewn from the same rough stone as his fellow adventurers. Neither deprivation nor danger deterred him as he set about carving his reputation. When in 1865 he finally reached the summit of the Matterhorn. he was undoubtedly the most celebrated "alpinist" in Europe.

He was soon to cast his eye over more exotic summits and decided to explore the Andes.

The freelance adventurer, whose lease on fame began in earnest during Victoria's reign, would seldom suffer tools or cowards lightly.

Some, though, have no need of others. The aviator Charles Lindbergh, who electrified his country in 1927 by making the first solo crossing of the Atlantic, revelled in his nickname -

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When, five years after the epic flight, his baby son was kidnapped from the Lindbergh home in a bucolic section of New Jersey, the nation was stunned. And then, when the infant was found buried four miles from the house, the whole world was enraged.

After the killer was found, tried, and sentenced to the electric chair. Lindbergh was to settle in Kent. However, his passion for adventure was dead.

A New York newspaper columnist of the day remarked: "He was never than when alone at the controls. Reality was Lindbergh's

oward Hughes, perhaps the most mysterious of the great adventurers, suffered similar difficulties in later life, although his record-breaking light around the world - three days, 19 hours and 17 minutes - saw him auded as a national hero.

The solitude he craved 20 years later was in sharp contrast to his obvious pride when greeted by spectators at Floyd Bennett airport, New York, With his crew of four, Hughes had smashed a world record and "experienced the greatest adventure life has to offer".

He added: "I am glad to be back. The worst thing about the trip was lack of sleep, just four hours in the whole trip."

The adventurer must also be prepared to suffer a hard tack dier and hunger. Sir Francis Chichester, the lone sailor who achieved fame at pensionable age in 1967 after his circumnavigation of the world in Gypsy Moth IV, frequently dreamt of a fried breakfast.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, a yachtsman inspired by Sir Francis and the first person to sail non-stop around the world in 1968-69, indulged in food fantasies too.

Perhaps Sir Francis best summed up the spirit of the breed in the journal he wrote while at sea.

The adventurous amateur sets himself tasks from which seasoned professionals might shrink. He plays his hand in the grand manner, triumphantly trumping the aces of allcomers in the great game of adventure.

"It is only by submitting to trial that an individual can learn to know what is in him. Most of us are content to pass over the surface of life. We have not."

HOW WOULD LLOYD'S EXPLORE THE POLICY RISKS?

of British Insurers was adamant — there is no such thing as a standard explorers' allrisk insurance policy.

Marco Polo. Captain Cook. Scott of the Antarctic, Charles Lindbergh and now Richard Branson each have to thrash out the details of individually tailored policies.

"The first thing insurance companies will want to know their claims experience |claims history|," said the expert. "The claims experience of an adventurer setting off from Italy, taking in the Dutch East Indies and ending up in America is difficult to say.

"Every explorer has to be looked at on their own merits. For example, some parts of the world are more dangerous than others. How do you measure the risks of hauling sledges across the icy wastes of the Antarctic with trekking up-country in Borneo's tropical rainforests?"

The Times went to a hard-

ened Lloyd's underwriter for his assessment of the risk when it comes to the world's greatest - and sometimes endearingly eccentric - explorers. Reg Brown, under-writer of R E Brown and Others. Syndicate 702 at Lloyd's, graded them in an alltime risk league table. Starting with the riskiest they are

1 Scott of the Antarctic 2 Percy Fawcett; 3 Edward Whymper, 4 Captain Cook: 5 Christopher Columbus; 6 Charles Lindbergh; 7 Howard Hughes; 8 Sir Francis Chich-

ester, 9 Richard Branson: 10 Sir Robin Knox-Johnston. Mr Brown said that it is easy to underwrite with hind-

sight. Of course, we now know that Scott and Fawcett never returned. However, by the standards of the time, they were taking an enormous risk with their lives, he said.

Generally he believes that the more contemporary the explorer, the less the risk. Advances in communications

and technology mean that able, certainly when

rescue is only a mayday call via satellite link away. "Look at the sailor adrift off Antarctica in his yacht," said Mr Brown. "We know that 100 years ago he would not have a chance, so survivability, particularly for seafarers. is that much greater. I would

have said Branson's chances

of survivability are consider-

Mr Brown has a special affection for the exploits of Captain Cook. Underwriters in those days might have thought the

Earth was flat and that he

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Like a condemned man, I've just enjoyed my last luxury

t was the best of times, it was the worst of times. But though the two cities connected in this surry tale were once again English and French, and while the former was still London, the latter was no longer Paris; it was Nice. And it was precisely what connected them which makes the tale so sorry. What connected them was British Airways. Flying to Nice on New Year's Eve was the best of times; flying back to London three days later was the worst. For December 31, 1996 was the end of an era.

Let us now roll down the arches of the years to the apogee of that era, and peer, through our welling tears, at a full-page col-our advertisement from a 1955 Punch. It is, after the vogue of the time, not a photograph but a painting, and it presents us with a man and a woman so effulgently handsome, so effortlessly elegant, so patently sophisticated, that beside them Rex Harrison and Margaret Leighton would look like Rab C. Nesbitt and Nora Batty. Fortunately for Rex and Margaret, however, the only person beside them, as they sit. languidly arranged in two pale blue fauteuils, is a tall uniformed cove, standing in respectful half-bow, one tanned hand behind his back, offering them something on a silver salver. It is not champagne, because the couple are already holding two golden flutes (the artist, let me say, is a dab hand at titchy bubbles), nor is it slivers of foie gras, because a dish of these nestles toothsomely before them on a little table. It is a packet of du Maurier cigarettes.

In which delightful scene, two highly significant further details must be noted: the first is that the fawning uniform is that of British European Airways, and the second is that the brace of tickets lying on the table beside the blobs of goose have "London-Nice" printed on them. Yes, this is an airliner, it is flying to the French Riviera, and its owners are pulling out all the stops to make a couple of smokers happy.

The object of the entire cheesy composition, of course, being to make millions of other smokers happy; they will be made happy by buying du Maurier cigarettes, for in so doing they will confer upon themselves at least a fagsworth or two of the shimmering glamour efflorescing, as dazzlingly as kryptonite, off these airborne paragons. That, at any rate, is what the agency told the gathered manufacturers, at which point all the manufacturers began nodding vigorously, because they too could conceive of no more beguiling an aspiration than winging to Nice beside a fetching partner, poking major liver into their faces, sluicing it down with Dom Perignon, and, of course, topping it off with an easeful drag on their splendid product. They would be Scott and Zelda. Edward and Wallis, for was that not what the dream of Nice was all about?

h, it was, and - you guessed? - for the Corens too. Soppily addicted these 30 years to both the selfsame dream and the selfsame stimulants, they have flown down to Nice perhaps a hundred times; not, mind, eating fole gras, this having been replaced in Economy by a lino sandwich and a tinned peach, but invariably drinking champagne from tiny bottles and puffing eigarettes from large cartons. And always on BA, the last carrier to permit

Now do you sense it? The era ending? It is December 31, 1996, and the Corens are yet again dreaming their way down to Nice. fizz bubbling into their mouths, smoke wafting from their nostrils, they are happy bunnies in their tiny blue-fugged warren at the rear until, as the aircraft turns on its final approach over the diamond-strung Promenade des Anglais and the No Smoking signs wink on, the steward leans over (not so very differently from that other steward, in 1955 and tells them they are part of history. For this is the last smoking flight to Nice that there will ever be. On New Year's Day, BA

goes cold turkey. The Corens had not known this. They are aghast. The steward, a kindly man, sees this, and says: "Have you thought about nicotine tablets?" A stricken Coren shakes his head, mute; but he is thinking about them now, as he stubs out the last thing he will ever smoke. up here. He is thinking: you cannot chew a Nicorette and drink champagne at the same time. He is thinking: the No Dreaming sign has just winked on.



Bunkering the Union

Then medieval knights de-parted for the crusades, they lavished gifts on their patron saints. Shrines would be covered in candles, incense and precious cloths. Charity and forgiveness would be lauded with psalms. The knights would then kiss their ladies goodbye, gather a retinue of black-eyed ruffians and march away to relentless

pillage and rape.
Thus do modern politicians embark on an election campaign. The saints of reason and good government are forgotten. Their acolytes are locked in a convent and the keys are hidden. The party leaders rush headlong into the mire. Not even Monty Python could have scripted this week's opening skirmish of the 1997 campaign, a charade of homosexual blackmail, dirty-tricks consultants, "presidential" interviews and actors with red tears. We have at least three months of this ahead of us. The

One reasonable question has nonetheless escaped to survive an extra week. Since we may be at a turning point in the politics of Britain and Britain-in-Europe, might the constitution deserve revision? The question is one on which the "sovereign tribunal of the people" might welcome debate. The start of an election is a good moment for such a debate, when the democratic juices are running but not yet polluted. Hence the recent talks between the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties, to which the Tories were invited. Just one Tory MP.

Hugh Dykes, accepted. Only the most insecure of statesmen could be alarmed by this. Yesterday the Prime Minister was alarmed. He rushed onto the radio to disclaim any interest in constitutional reform. He was strongly opposed to proportional representation, to regional devolution, to changing the House of Lords and to a Bill of Rights. Over all these he expected the right as prime minister to decide. Constitutional change is his prerogative. He signed the Maastricht treaty and refused to submit it to a referendum. Now he refuses to say, before the election, whether he favours any devolution of monetary power to European institutions, though he has changed his mind in favour of a referendum.

As for the people of Scotland, even if they want more control over their government, he would not give it to them. He will not give more control to the people of London either. On the other hand, he is in favour of devolution to the smaller political entity of Northern IreJohn Major has made his first mistake of the election campaign by trying to stifle constitutional debate

land. One form of devolution, he says, would lead to the "break-up of the United Kingdom", the other apparently not.
This is all intellectually incoherent.
Mr Major would argue that the British constitution is incoherent anyway. He expects to do what he likes with it between elections - and remain silent about it during them. Besides, his aides point out, nobody really cares about the subject. It features in no poll or focus group and can thus be dismissed as the plaything of London intellectuals and radicals. The topic has reared its head only so that Labour can conceal its lack policy. The Tories are

too cunning to fall into that trap. The thing about Mr Blair's traps is that the Tories both spot them and fall into them. Were the current constitutional debate a Labour trick, the gambit would be to portray the Tory Government

the Scots and bereft of vision or inspiration. Yet the trick worked. Mr Major's response was to sound defensive and carp at his critics - which a Prime Minister should be advised never to do. For Mr Major to claim that empowering the Scots to raise (or lower) local taxes would break up the United Kingdom is dishonest. He once enjoyed just such powers as a Lambeth councillor without dire con-sequences. Besides, if he thinks devolution is so disastrous, why not submit it to open debate? Why this fear of argument? Why this terror of democracy?

If there is one mentality that will cripple the Tories in the coming months. it is that of the bunker. The party is up against a sophisticated enemy that can pick targets at will. "New Labour, New Danger was not a bad slogan. Attack is a time-honoured form of defence. Mr Major can be an effective performer and the economy is his strong card. Yet every sally ends in self-inflicted injuries, with the bunker sending out an SOS for loyalty donors. Downing Street is long past needing loyalty. It needs cool heads.

So there was every reason for the Tories to be open-minded about the consti-tution. In the first place, Labour's review was perfectly sensible. On any democra-tic index, Britain lags behind most countries in Europe. It has the fewest elected representatives per thousand voters at each government tier. Its local democracy is weaker than any, and is alone in Europe in enjoying no fiscal discretion. Its internal mechanisms are also quite inadequate to cope with the mass of European legislation descending on White-hall. All this merits a reassessment, preferably by a royal commission.

> are at best half-formed and Mr Blair's pledges are half-hearted. They would offer easy targets for Tory criticism before a commission. establishing which would instantly spike Labour's guns. The whole topic could have been turned to Mr Major's advantage. In-

as stale and tired, antagonistic towards stead, Labour has been able to present itself as fresh-thinking mature and above party pettiness. The Tories have been left pleading that talk of constitu-tional reform is "profoundly danger-ous". Dangerous to whom? The voters can reasonably ask to be judges of that.

> The constitution is under review well beyond the gilded chambers of Westminster and Whitehall. Whatever else last night's ITV debate on the monarchy may have been, elitist it was not. Nor does any Scot of my acquaintance believe for one minute that all devolution must threaten the Union. Nor does it make sense for the Tories to complain bitterly about Brussels' subsidiarity, yet forbid its consideration in British local government. The huge changes brought in by the Single European Act and Maastricht have radically affected democratic accountability. Had Mr Major taken this aboard, he might have saved himself a great deal of trouble these past four years. Equally seismic changes have occurred in relations between cen-

tral and local government in Britain. Last month's Economist survey on democracy predicted that it was the ideo-logy most likely to be transformed in the 21st century, if only because its enemies in the 20th have been trounced. Voters, as they become more prosperous; more leisured and less deferential, will seek new forms of expression. They will want direct participation between elections, other than through the opinion polls beloved of British politicians. They will want more intimate local control of the public sector. They will seek a closer link to elected representatives, and a more sceptical link to government.

No politician can any longer say. as Mr Major does on devolution, that voters should merely trust them to know and do what is best. Politicians who hold to this 19th-century view are losing respect and support. Public trust is transferred to interest groups. lobbies and geographical factions. Inernments rely on opinion polls and referendums, which are poor surrogates for participation.

Democracy may not always need sur-ery, but it always needs a check-up. Westminster is currently beleaguered from below and above. It is ludicrous to maintain that it is fine as it is. I believe a future Labour government poses as much of a constitutional timeat as Tory apathy does. Mr Blair's Labour Party is demonstrating the same centralist authoritarianism as Margaret Thatcher's Tories did. Mr Blair has seized party power from the unions, the constituencies, the conference and even the National Executive Committee. This parallels Margaret Thatcher's seizing of power from what were once the engines of Tory activism, the Tory groups on county and city councils. Both are examples of personalising the constitution.

The Tories may be a lost cause on this topic, but Labour needs to be watched. Mr Blair has not been steady-handed, witness his confusión over London and Scotland. On devolution and ratecapping, he has been as scared of the Treasury in absentia as he presumably would be in office. But he has made an effort. He was right to invite bipartisan debate on reform. In doing so, Labour respected both the seriousness of the subject and the intelligence of the electorate. If the great question is now to be locked away for the duration, those who care about these things have at least been given a taste of freedom. They can see where the key is hidden.

Safe in Labour's hands?

Stephen Pollard thinks Tory NHS

reforms will stay

ax Clifford's personal vendet-ta against the Government is based, he tells us, on "what they have done to the health service". they have done to the health service. The only way to turn the clock back is, he believes, to bring about a Labour government. But Mr Clifford has been listening too much to what Labour says, rather than realising what it will do.

Although Labour now accepts that the market is a cond thing its rhetaric crill.

market is a good thing, its rhetoric still reflects fundamentalist beliefs about the scope of market mechanisms. The purpose of markets is to bring order out of chaos, but many Labour thinkers still assume that they create chaos out of order. The party's policy towards the NHS is the clearest demonstration.

The administration of the NHS, as well as the concept of a free service, has been one of the pillars of Labour mythology: a national organisation, with up to a million employees, centrally financed and controlled. So when Margaret Thatcher surprised even her own Health Secretary during the 1987 election campaign by talking of the need for adminis-trative reform, the Labour Party was united in its hostility. Decentralisation by means of the internal market was seen as an unnecessary threat to the integrity of the service — ultimately as

integrity of the service — ultimately as an attempt at privatisation.

Although Tony Blair has changed Labour a good deal, its quasi-religious conviction that provision of healthcare by anyone but the State is immoral, and that the old centralised NHS administration. tration was well-nigh perfect, means that Labour's health thinking has yet to be hit by reality. But on the first day of the next Labour government, reality will enfarce a rethink.

Until very recently, Labour was opposed to the separation of purchasers and providers within the service which is an integral part of the reforms. But the overwhelming evidence is that the split works. And many of those who have pointed this out are Labour supporters. So, very gingerly, the policy has been changed. No revelation has been pro-claimed, but Labour has gradually stopped attacking the split in speeches and doctuments. No one who speaks for Labour will now criticise it. They will argue that it needs refining, but grudg-ingly they concede that the division between purchaser and provider will be retained. Yet placating the party re-guires that there is also talk of how the split must be made compatible with "strategie" health planning, and must be

In practice, this means little. The party will say scarcely anything about the issue, and in government will maintain the status quo. Arguing that Labour will abolish the internal market, while keeping the purchaser-provider split, is intellectually contradictory but politically necessary.

similar phenomenon is evident when it comes to NHS Trusts. Labour initially opposed all new trusts as being a way of privatising the NHS. As separate-legal entities, they could in theory be sold to the private sector. Here again Labour's rhetoric has been steadily muted as reality has impinged. The U-turn is not so very clear here, but the trend is away from attacking trust status per se and towards attacking the composition of trusts as being part of the "quangocracy". The reality of further restructuring is again beginning to make itself felt. Labour thinking is now directed towards addressing the accountability of trusts, rather than their right to exist.

Fundholding offers another example

of the difference between rhetoric and

reality. Labour's main concern is the "two-tier system", which gives a headstart to patients whose GP is a fundholder. Two approaches are logically possible: abolition and extension. Comparing the location of fund-holding practices with a map of marginal constituencies which Labour needs to win shows that the party cannot commit itself to abolition. Fundholding is popular with those who benefit, and the party will alienate those people if it commits itself to abolition (the same is true of grant-maintained schools). In practice, there is only one possible approach: some form of extension. Under the guise of abolishing fundholding, a Blair government would instead make all GPs fundholders, by making the con-cept far more flexible. Those practices that wished to carry on pretty much as now would be able to. Those that did not

would be grouped with other practices,

with pooled administration. But Labour

can't say so, because that would be to

concede that the reforms work. Instead,

Labour has committed itself to replacing

fundholding with "commissioning GPs". Whether this amounts to the abolition or merely a refinement of present policy depends on how you define fundholding Backward-looking and out-of-touch as the Labour manifesto will seem on health, Labour's policy in government will actually extend the internal market. Because it is trusted to look after the NHS, Labour can do things that the distrusted Tories would find virtually impossible. Labour could achieve further

devolution of responsibilities to the trusts, and could justify this as part of its programme of devolving power back to. communities. The further into government one looks, the easier it becomes to see Labour taking the reform of healthcare farther than the Tories would dare. The author is director of research at the Social Market Foundation.

Raw Deal?

PRINCES, property and pot-throwing residents: it has all the stuff of a Tom Sharpe novel. There is uproar in Kent over the immi-nent sale by the Ministry of Defence of the Royal Marines School of Music at Deal, where II bandsmen were killed when a 50lb Sentex bomb exploded in 1989.

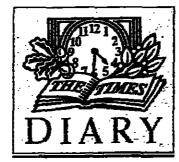


Marines on the march

The MoD is on the point of concluding a deal to sell the Georgian barracks to a company called Dukeminster. David Shaw, the local MP, is investigating: "I have traced the parenthood of the company to Liechtenstein," he said, "I want the southern barracks preserved for the community, and I don't trust the developers. The MoD is just offloading property." Talk is of retail development.

superstores and a road slicing through the south of the Georgian site. Local opposition is growing. with attempts to establish a charitable trust to buy the site and put Dukeminster off the scent. Hillier Parker, agents for the sale, refused to comment yesterday, and the MoD said it was not in a position to confirm the deal.

Hopes now rest upon the intervention of the Prince of Wales, who last week launched the Phoenix Trust to take cure of redundant institutional buildings. He is said to be taking up the cudgels, following in the footsteps of Noël Coward. "It is a very handsome



Georgian barrack block," said Giles Worsley, editor of the Prince of Wales's architectural magazine Perspectives. "It is just the sort of institution that the Phoenix Trust should be concerned about."

· Chesterfield in Derbyshire, the main town in Tony Benn's constituency, has been setting the tone for Tory politics. The Conservative Club in Marsden Street recently sold its premises to make way for Marsden's Bar, a frisky gay club.

Outcast

CLASS boundaries came tumbling down the other day when Arthur Scargill's wife Anne led

protesters against opencast mining to Chatsworth, the Derbyshire home of the Duke of Devonshire. Mrs Scargill and her cohorts were protesting against the duke's plan to allow mining on land he owns near Chesterfield. Complaining that it took jobs from deep pit miners as well as ruining the environment, they set up a public address system and broadcast the frightful din of an opencast operation to bring their protest to the attention of the duke.

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His Grace. mindful of the cold.

Devonshire in Derbyshire

lute their endeavours. He carried with him a tureen of soup - fine consomme probably, with a dash of sherry — and began ladelling.

He was such a gent to everybody that we couldn't get cross with him," said Mrs Scargill. "He was dead straight about why he was mining - he needs the money."

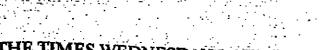
 While the English National Opera dreams of moving to a brand new opera house, a salutary lesson on big projects comes from John Harrison, technical director of the Royal Opera. The prospect of touring London as Covent Garden closes for two years for rebuilding is depressing: "I think morale is down now." he says in the internal magazine, UpROHr. I just hope we can get to the end of the season."

Lobby fodder

AFTER Max Clifford's spectacular doing-over of Jerry Hayes, his supposedly more elevated competitors will have their say in Michael Cockerell's new television documentary A Word in The Right Ear about political lobbyists, to be shown tomorrow on the BBC.



He has managed to lure Baroness Thatcher's handsomely coiffed PR man Sir Tim Bell on screen to discuss his art. "I am being told that we go around the place bribing MPs to change policy to suit our clients. All I can tell you is I wish I had that power, because if I did I would have every single client there is and I would be sitting on a mountain in Bermuda at this moment - a mountain of cash at



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AMERICAN ZERO

Why Blair and Howard are both drawn to US models

From Cannon, Kojak, and Columbo in the capture would not result in substantial 1970s through to Hill Street Blues in the 1990s, we have long been used to American detectives dominating our television screens. In recent times, British politicians have imitated their American counterparts in the quest for law and order. The two most unacknowledged but manifestly influential individuals on policy towards crime prevention in this country over the past five years have been the Governor of California and the Mayor of New York, the political leaders of, respectively, the most populous state and city in the United States.

First, Michael Howard at the Home Office took over the policies of mandatory minimum sentences and maximum prison building associated with Pete Wilson, of California Now, with his forthright interview to The Big Issue, Tony Blair, like Jack Straw before him, has endorsed the so-called "zero tolerance" approach to criminality pioneered with impressive results by Rudolph Giuliani of New York. Britain's voters will be choosing between different, but not incompatible, American models of crime prevention when they eventually get their say at the polls.

There is a certain irony in all this. Mr Howard wastes no opportunity to display his Thatcherite credentials. Mr Blair may have dumped socialism but will go no further than social democracy. Yet both have ultimately emulated the two leading centrist Republicans America has to offer. This attention is well justified. Many politicians have aimed for the reputation of a tough moderate. Governor Wilson and Mayor Giuliani have managed that rare feat and

reaped the accompanying electoral rewards. There is a subtle difference in the anticrime strategies adopted on either side of the American coastline. In California, the emphasis has been placed on reversing the assumption of potential offenders that their

punishment Governor Wilson, followed by Mr Howard, has set about disabusing that notion through new lengths of imprisonment with minimal opportunity for parole. Mayor Giuliani, like many Labour politicians, believes that criminals are more influenced by the confidence that they will never be caught, not the retribution that they might theoretically suffer. Hence, the stress in New York has been upon convincing urban felons that they will be remorselessly pursued whatever the offence.

Working separately, each philosophy has had substantial success. In the inner cities of California, especially downtown Los Angeles, the police do not have the New York option. They have already allowed the growth of no-go areas where the only zero tolerance is that displayed by well-armed gangs towards the forces of legal authority. In New York, however, the perilous financial standing of the city, which has teetered on the edge of bankruptcy for two decades, precludes the expensive option of long

sentences and many more jails. The two options need not, however, be mutually exclusive. Britain could pursue both imported blueprints at the same time. Unlike the American pioneers, British cities do not suffer from either the no-go or nocash dilemmas. Politicians from both parties have been interested in both programmes. So far the Conservatives have been more charmed by the California option while Labour has found more promise in New York. The most imaginative strategy would adopt both the macro-strategy of the West Coast with the micro-approach of the East. Whoever successfully blended the two concepts would deservedly capture the prized title of "the law and order party" and the advantage at the ballot box. Rather more relevantly, they might also make a substantial impact on the level of crime.

TIME FOR PAKISTAN

Delaying elections may be better than it appears

Pakistan's military, always a power behind the scenes, has been invited to step to the front of the political stage at a time of turmoil exceptional even by Pakistan's dismal standards. The heads of the armed services will occupy four of the ten seats on a new Council for Defence and National Security. President Faroog Leghari maintains that its role will be limited to giving "mature advice". Few Pakistanis will believe him.

Whether or not the council actually "advises" the President, when it meets for the first time today, to declare a state of emergency and postpone the parliamentary elections set for February 3, the very act of creating such a body further qualifies Pakistan's frayed claims to be a parliamentary democracy.

Such symbolism matters even if in terms of real power the council could be said merely to make more transparent the powersharing troika of President, Prime Minister and military chief of staff which is a fact of Pakistan's political life. When he dismissed Benazir Bhutto and her Government last November, President Leghari was acting well within his constitutional rights. He could also claim to be acting in the country's best interests; the nation's finances were in a terrible state and Miss Bhutto was ever resistant to his demands for a crackdown on the rampant political corruption to which

the financial crisis is linked. His latest move, by contrast, is constitutionally questionable. It could also further destabilise the country if Miss Bhutto, who has undemocratically stated that her Pakistan People's Party will not accept the results of the election if we do not win", cites the threat of renewed military dictatorship to justify a return to the politics of mass protest. When the President promised last November to give Pakistan a new political start, he gave no hint of meaning by it the

installation of an army-backed presidential system of government.

Whether that is what emerges in practice will be largely up to the military command: and so far, it has shown discernible reluctance to be sucked into the political vortex. In the disputes within the caretaker Cabinet, which has been deeply divided on whether to postpone the February elections, the army has sided with the anti-postponement lobby. A time-limited delay of the February elections would not necessarily be as damaging to Pakistani democracy as it seems. The two leading contenders have both been dismissed from office on corruption charges; three months was always too short a time for credible choices to emerge from such polluted political machinery.

Time would also allow the interim Government to toughen up its accountability law, intended to disqualify politicians guilty of corruption. It was hastily drafted and has allowed too many big fish to slip through its meshes. In particular, there is need to tighten the new rules designed to bar politicians who have damaged the country's banking system by declining to repay massive personal loans to which nothing but their political influence entitled them.

Most of the technocrats filling the political vacuum are doing a respectable job. They have made deep cuts in the size of government, reduced the scope for political patronage, advanced privatisation and introduced deep banking and tax reforms. They have also cancelled most "development" projects, too many of which aimed to buy votes with profligate public works schemes. The telling exception is the monstrously inflated defence budget. Since this alone is reason enough to doubt the military's commitment to true reform, Mr Leghari has done little to bolster confidence by sweeping the soldiers so publicly into his embrace.

THE BALLOON GOES UP

A salute to the spirit of entrepreneurship and adventure

Almost two decades after man first landed however, are greater than those of two on the Moon, today's adventurers are still trying to circumnavigate the world in a balloon - the mode of transport that pioneered manned flight more than 200 years ago. If the jet stream that yesterday carried Richard Branson and his two intrepid companions aloft across the cloudless Moroccan skies remains as dependable at 30,000ft, the giant Virgin balloon will cross India, the Pacific, America and the Atlantic in about three weeks: our hopes for a safe return to Britain go with it.

Mr Branson's balloon bears only superficial resemblance to the contraptions built by the Montgolfier brothers. The colourful balloon that lifted off from a French provincial marketplace in 1783 was a paper and canvas bag; the air inside was heated by burning straw and wool. It rose 3,000ft and stayed up for ten minutes. Three months later the two pioneers repeated the experiment in Versailles, sending up a sheep, a rooster and a duck as passengers and opening up the age in which the common man could look over the king's palace walls.

The Virgin Global Challenger offers no such political symbolism. It weighs over 11 tons and is taller than Nelson's Column. It is filled with helium and guided by navigation and communications equipment packed into a space-age capsule. The risks of this trip.

centuries ago. Balloons are playthings of the elements. Storms and downdrafts can toss and batter them from the skies. Balloons can be pitched into the ocean, crash into mountains or come down in jungles or distant deserts. This balloon can also fly into political turbulence — skirting across wars, straying into closed airspace, or racing into local hostility and suspicion.

Why should Mr Branson risk his life again - and his fortune on the enterprise? His Virgin empire may reap rich publicity from success; but a disaster for him could spell disaster for his family and employees. It may be said that the balloon is not a uniquely risky vehicle; that the first manned space flights were a fearsome challenge too. But the space missions came at the end of a long and massively financed programme of preparation. Round-the-world solo sailors have been able to draw on thousands of years experience of the world's navies.

This trip is not part of some military training scheme. It is a symbol of private entrepreneurship, amateur sport and personal courage. There is a sort of race too, not a precise modern race but a mildly confusing old-fashioned contest in which a Belgian team in Switzerland and an American in St Louis vie for an immaterial prize. The Montgolfiers would have approved.

Sir, I write with reference to the Police

Scenario for the

bugging of a home

From Mr Harold Pinter

Bill, now passing through Parliament with no discernible opposition from Her Majesty's Opposition. Since the Bill will legalise "bugging" of private property by the police I take it the following sequence of events is logical.

A householder discovers a police officer bugging his house. He (or she) asks the officer to remove himself and the bug. The officer refuses, arguing that his activity is entirely legal. The householder persists, arguing in turn that what is taking place is an invasion of age-old rights of privacy. The officer cautions the householder. The householder refuses to give way. He is then placed under arrest for obstructing a police officer in the course of his

Would the Home Secretary confirm or deny this scenario?

Yours faithfully, HAROLD PINTER. c/o Judy Daish Associates, 2 St Charles Place, W10.

Abortion and politics

From the Reverend Timothy Russ

Sir, Dr Geoffrey Seeff, a prospective parliamentary candidate, would like Cardinal Hume to give advice about voting on the whole range of issues. from the National Lottery to crime and punishment (letter, January 6). He thinks this because the Cardinal has spoken against voting for candidates who support abortion.

If the Cardinal were to follow Dr Seeff's advice, the consequence would be to make the Church into a political party and to confuse certitude on one point with an apparent omniscience which would in fact be folly.

In the "back to basics" movement it is a step forward to identify a genuine basic, and the right to life is obviously the most basic human right. Should we not, in our proneness to muddle and compromise, be grateful to the Cardinal for clarifying this point, especially as, since we have an unwritten constitution, the welfare of the country depends not only on the good will but on the sound moral sense of its leaders.

Sincerely, TIMOTHY RUSS, The Presbytery, 23 High Street, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. January 6.

From the Assistant for Public Affairs to Cardinal Hume

Sir. Dr Seeff says that "the Cardinal cannot be allowed to shy away from telling us where he stands on the secular aspects of the nation's governance".

May I refer him to The Common Good, published last October by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, of which Cardinal Hume is president. This document sets out the principles of Catholic social teaching and its application to many key areas of public policy, including the founda-

tional issue of the right to life.

The bishops insist that every public policy should be judged by the effect it has on human dignity and the common good. In saying this they do not seek to tell people who to vote for, but rather to make more explicit the inescapable moral dimension of all political activity, including voting.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES WOOKEY. Assistant for Public Affairs to Cardinal Hume. Archbishop's House, Westminster.

Private healthcare

From Dr Stuart Sanders

Sir, I practise as a private family doctor and I have noticed recently a tendency for private patients to be discharged from hospital as quickly as possible — in some cases so prematurely as not only to cause the patients discomfort but also, and more importantly, to put them at risk should they develop post-operative

complications. This concept has been introduced by several of the United Kingdom healthcare insurers in order to contain treatment costs. The consultant in charge of the case is obliged to follow this practice to avoid criticism by the healthcare insurer; should he not comply, he would be asked to submit a long and tedious report to the insurer explaining why the patient should stay in hospital longer than

prescribed by the insurer. I ask if this healthcare trend is in the interest of the patient or has it been created with the insurers' commercial considerations in mind?

Yours faithfully, STUART SANDERS, 22 Harmont House, 20 Harley Street, WI.

Predictable Parris From Mrs Nicholas Bankes

Sir, Matthew Parris's predictable and inevitable articles (letter. January 2) on his bolidays or anything else - are the reason I predictably and inevitably buy The Times.

Yours faithfully, SHERI BANKES, Tỷ Ucha'r Llan, Cilcain. Mold, Flintshire, North Wales.

New 'onslaught' on hereditary peers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From the Earl of Dudley

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Sir. I personally hope that Mr Jack Straw's stir against the hereditary peerage in the House of Lords (report, December 31) will be as unsuccessful as that of his historic namesake, one of the leaders of the Peasants' Revolt in

Labour's denunciation of individual peers is reminiscent of the posters pasted on Chinese walls by Chairman Mao's Red Guard; and as deplorable. My concern for the constitutional

role of the hereditary peerage will remain for debate in the Lords, should the occasion unhopefully arise. Yours faithfully,

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Putsborough, North Devon.

DUDLEY.

January I.

Vention House,

Sir. To judge from the quality of debate to date, the composition of the Upper House, its powers and its relation to the Commons are important matters that clearly cannot be settled by the normal political process. As with the previous attempt to reform the Lords in 1968, a cross-party consensus is needed.

An effective way of arriving at such a consensus would be a special select committee drawn from members of both Houses. Such a committee might receive submissions from experts outside Parliament, investigate the vari-ous proposals for reform and, of course, make recommendations on how the Lords should be reformed. This, surely, would be a more profitable manner in which to pursue this important issue.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD A. EDWARDS.

From the Earl of Darnley

family history in your report on the latest attack on the House of Lords by the Labour Party. For the record the facts are these.

1725 in the peerage of Ireland, which does not entitle the holder to sit in the

riage in the mid-18th century. onslaught is somewhat misplaced.

DARNLEY, Netherwood Manor.

Oxbridge entry From Dr Stephen Monsell

Sir, Your report, "Oxbridge alumni hope gifts will secure places for children" (January 2), may have given the impression that this college was considering giving serious weight in admissions decisions to a family link to the college.

The informal minute from which you quoted in fact recorded the discussion and decisive rejection of a sugge tion that interviewers should be told of a candidate's family connection when it is known to our development office. We would like our admissions decisions to be completely blind to any such connection.

In practice we often are not blind: a candidate mentions a family link, or we remember their father or sister as a student. We surely cannot disapprove of a candidate's wish to maintain a family tradition as one motive for their choice of college — that is the "existing and informal bias" I acknowledged; it is more sentimental

Official Solicitor's role

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, There is a misconception at the root of the recent controversy over the proposed film of Frederick West's life (letters, January 4). It is assumed that, in relation to his rights over the West archive, the Official Solicitor is obliged under the present law covering his duties (report, January 2) to maximise profits for the beneficiaries in the same way as would apply to an

It seems clear to me that the Official

Labour and education

The King's School, Chester

Mr David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, welcomed the intention of Mr and Mrs Blair to send their second son to a grant-maintained school. He did so partly on the ground that it is good for parents to have the opportunity to send brothers and sisters to the same school [see also reports, January 7].

their wishes and ambitions.

Headmaster,

went on to say, we reaffirmed our intention to ensure that any such sym-

In practice, other things are rarely equal. And only a tiny fraction of our applicants have known family links. but I believe we disappoint similar proportions of applicants with and

I am no longer in charge of science admissions, but I am sure our present admissions tutors will continue to ensure that pressures and possible biases to offer places on any basis other than academic and personal qualities relevant to performance at university are acknowledged and discussed among us - and their impact thereby minimised.

ordinary trustee. In fact this is not so.

cessor to the former Official Solicitor of the Court of Chancery, is "Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court of Judicature". He is an officer of that court and is by law obliged to exhibit the loftiest standards of behaviour in the performance of his office.

officer of the court.

This independent school, doubtless

Yours faithfully, A. R. D. WICKSON,

60 Queen's Road, Devizes, Wiltshire.

Sir, I was interested to read about my

My grandfather was not the first Earl and even if he was he could hardly have been raised to the peerage in 1640. The family title dates back to House of Lords, and whatever lands the family used to own in Ireland came into the family through mar-

My grandfather was better known as The Hon Ivo Bligh, captain of the England cricket team responsible for the original "Ashes". He later was elected as a Representative Peer for Ireland and sat as such in the House of Lords. I hope you will agree that the inclusion of my name in this political

Yours faithfully, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

pathies (positive or negative) influence our decisions "only when all other things are equal".

Adequate statistics are not available, without family links, albeit with occasional extra feelings of regret in the former case,

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN MONSELL (Science Admissions Tutor, 1992-96). Pembroke College, Cambridge.

minded private person would act where he had a choice as to the way he

The full title of this officer, as suc-

This was laid down by Lord Bridge of Harwich in R v Tower Hamlets London Borough Council, ex parie Chetnik Developments Ltd [1988] AC 858 at 876-877. Lord Bridge said that the court would only allow its officers to act in a "high-principled" way, adding that even where an ordinary person might lawfully act in a "shabby" way, this would not be permitted in an

Solicitor is entitled, indeed bound, to

From the Headmaster of

Sir, In a radio interview last Sunday,

like a number of others, has boys whose younger brothers would very much like to join them here in due course. They will only be able to do so if, like their older brothers, they can benefit from the Government's assisted places scheme.

Mr Blunkett has now confirmed that no new assisted places will be awarded if Labour wins the next election (report, January 7). Can he not at least guarantee that some will continue, so as to ensure that younger brothers and sisters, and their parents, can have the freedom enjoyed by the Blair family to choose the school of

The King's School, Chester,

exercise his duties in the way a high-

was to deploy his rights of property. Yours faithfully, FRANCIS BENNION. 5 Old Nursery View, Kennington, Oxford.

January 4. From Mr W. T. N. Chidgey

Sir, Mr G. L. Leigh (letter, January 4) was clearly fortunate in his benefici-

aries when a trustee. I was employed in a bank's trustee department and I recall a case many years ago when we accepted an offer on a house subject to contract. Before contract we received a higher offer but felt that we were morally committed to the previous acceptance. The beneficiary sued and the court held that a trustee had no moral obligation to a third party that could override the legal obligation to maximise the bene-

fit to his trust. We had to pay. The Official Solicitor was surely in

the same position. Yours faithfully, W. T. N. CHIDGEY, White Rose House, 31a Deanfield Avenue. Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment

Sir, Contrary to the suggestion in your report ("Blunkett would scrap results of first tests", January 2), Labour has made no decision on the future of national performance tables for primary schools. We will not do so until we are in a position to judge the efficiency and usefulness to parents of the exercise, to be published on March 1.

If at that stage we judged the national tables not to be an efficient way of providing parents with information on local primary schools, we would ensure that details of test results in local schools were published by local education authorities - and would thus be available to parents. We are committed to extending the information published by including an assessment of how well pupils in a school are performing compared to their baseline assessment on entry to primary

Yours sincerely. DAVID BLUNKETT. House of Commons. January 2.

Letters for publication should earry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

Earliest record of America's name

From Dr Felipe Fernández-Armesto, FSA

Sir. The earliest evidence about the derivation of the name "America" (Sir James Craig's letter. January 4) was recorded by the man who, as far as we know, bestowed in Martin Waldseemüller, cosmographer of the school of Saint-Dié in Lorraine. In a work of 1507, he referred to "the fourth part of the world, which, because Americus [Amerigo Vespucci] found it, may be called Amerige, that is, Land of Americus, or America. It was typical of the learned games then played at Saint-Die that the suffix "-ge" should be

used for the Greek m or "earth".

Alluding to writings by Vespucci
appended to his work, Waldseemüller further explained: "The fourth part has been found by Americus Vesputius, as will be heard in what follows: I do not see why anyone could properly disallow that it be called Americe, that is, Land of Americus, or America. after Americus, the discoverer, a man of sagacious spirit." The feminine ending was to be preferred "since". Wald-seemüller continued, "the names of both Europe and Asia have been allotted after women".

Vespucci's claim to the discovery was unjustified; but all loth-century works known to me which discuss the origin of the name of America endorse Waldseemüller's derivation. The similarity with the name of the Bristolian mentioned in Sir James's letter, Richard Ameryk, who died in 1504, is an amusing but otherwise unremarkable coincidence and there is no evidence to support the presumption that the hemisphere was named in his honour.

Nor can Ameryk be said to have been an investor in Cabot's enterprise. though he was one of the customs officials responsible for funds from which Cabot's crown pension was paid.

Yours faithfully. FELIPE FERNANDEZ-ARMESTO. Hakluyt Society, c/o Map Library, The British Library, Great Russell Street, WCI.

New year resolution

January 4.

From Mr Bill Kearns Sir. There may have been many truths in the articles you have published over the past year, but none more than William Rees-Mogg reporting the comments of the Archbishop of Canterbury ("Defenders of the faith", Dec-

ember 30). Dr Carey was reported as When I actually meet politicians, the Goverriment, the Royal Family, members of the House of Lords and so on, they are remark-

ably ordinary people. When you get close to them they are the same as my aunt Ethel. Perhaps in the new year we will all treat them as such. With affection, equality and a lot less deference.

Yours, BILL KEARNS, Il Court Royal Mews, Northlands Road, Southampton, Hampshire.

Christmas rations

From Dr Richard Hardwick Sir, When I was a junior doctor in the 1950s we always spent some of Christmas Day on the wards, carving turkey, serving port (depending on rank) followed by our own Christmas fare. My son, now a registrar, drew the

short straw and was part of a very re-

duced staff on 24-hour duty both for the Christmas and new year holidays. It was deemed too expensive to maintain canteen staff (paid double) to feed young doctors (not paid double) and sandwiches were left out.

Even the homeless were offered a

hot meal on Christmas Day. Surely good medicine comes more easily from happy doctors. Yours faithfully, RICHARD HARDWICK,

Passfield, Liphook, Hampshire. Tip for the icebound

Passfield Corner,

From Mrs Marjorie Robertson Smith Sir. I should like to add to Dr Stuttaford's plea for people to wrap up warmly (Medical Briefing, December 31). Woollen cuffs can be knitted or cut from old socks or jerseys and worn on the wrists next to the skin. I wear cuffs

suffer from cold hands. Yours sincerely, M. ROBERTSON SMITH, 1 Bishop's Wood, Cuddesdon, Oxford.

all the time in the winter and never

Pie in the sky?

From Dr David Cowen

believable.

Sir, In yesterday's report on Richard Branson's global balloon trip you described the balloon as "the size of the Empire State Building*. I viewed this with some scepticism. Today you depict it as being somewhat higher than Nelson's Column. This I find more

The British have always tended to

exaggeration, and the expedition is

certainly huge. I wish the team every success. Yours faithfully,

DAVID COWEN, Flat 2. 14 Granville Road, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 7: The Princess Royal this evening attended the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Annual Awards Dinner at the Churchill Square, London WI. KENSINGTON PALACE January 7: The Duke of Glouces

ter, Honorary Colonel, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) this afternoon received Brigadier John Hooper on relinquishing the appointment of Joint Honorary Colonel and Colonel Anthony George on assuming the appointment.

Today's royal engagement

The Princess Royal, President Royal Yachting Association, will visit the London International Boat Show, Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5, at 12.30; and as Patron Victim Support, will attend a fundraising dinner at Grosvenor House Hotel at 7.00.

Lord Hankey

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Hankey will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Tuesday, February 18, 1997. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets, for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 18, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey. SWIP 3PL, enclus-ing a stamped addressed envelope.

Miss Kate Alderson

A memorial service for Miss Kate Alderson. Northwest Correspondent of The Times, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Thursday, January 30, at

Elections

Dinner

of London

Sherlock Holmes Society

The 45th annual dinner of the

Sherlock, Holmes Society of Lundon, given this year the canoni-cal title of The Retired Colourman's Rendezvous, was

held on Saturday, January 4, 1997, in the Members' Dining Room of the House of Commons, Mr Rich-ard Lancelyn Green, chairman of

the society, was in the chair, and the guest of honour was Professor

Christopher Frayling, MA. PhD. Rector of the Royal College of Art.

Sir Sydney Chapman, MP. (the sponsor) and Mr J Victor Hamil-

ton, MA. LLB, also spoke.

The following have been elected Flag Officers of the Royal Motor Yacht Club for the ensuing year: Commodore, Mr Peter G.H. Burt Vice-Commodore, Mr P. Robin J Phipps; Rear- Commodores. Mr Norman A. Dyer and Mr Richard

Church in Wales

Diocese of Bangor The Rev Eric Roberts, presently Curate of the Parish of Bangor, is to be Cleric in Charge of the Parish of Llanllyfni.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philip Astley, theatre manager, Newcastle-under-Lyme, 1742; Wilkie Collins, novelist, London, 1824: Hans von Bulow. pianist and conductor. Dresden. 1830: Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema. painter. The Netherlands, 1836; Elvis Presley, singer and actor. Tupelo. Mississippi, 1935; Dennis Wheatley, novelist, 1897.

DEATHS: Edgar. King of Scot-land reigned 1097-1107, Edinburgh Castle, 1107: Giotto, painter, Flor-ence, 1337; Galileo Galilei, math-Arcetri, Italy, 1642: Arcangello Carelli, composer, Rome, 1713: John Baskerville, typographer and printer, London, 1775; Eli Whitney. pioneer of the cotton gin, New Haven, Connecticut, 1825; Robert Stephenson Baden-Powell, Ist Baron Baden-Powell, general and founder of the Boy Scouts. Nveri Kenya, 1941; Richard Tauber, tenor, London, 1948; Chou En-lai Premier of the People's Republic of China 1949-76, Peking, 1976. Rationing of butter, bacon and sugar began, 1940.

General Charles de Gaulle was proclaimed President of the French Republic, 1959.

Fire damaged seven floors of the Empire State Building, New York,

School announcements

Chigwell School

Lent Term at Chigwell School starts today and ends on Wednesday, March 26. Entrance examina-tions for 11 year age group entry and Harsnett Scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, January 18, and for 7 to 10 year age groups on Saturday, January II. The Music Scholarship auditions will be held on Friday. January 31, and Saturday, February 1. The Lent Term Concert will take place on Thursday. February 6. Old Chigwellians who wish to attend the Shrove Tuesday Supper on February II, should contact the Headmaster's Secretary. Culford School

Spring Term begins today. The Preparatory School production of Toad of Toad Hall and the Senior School production of *The Tempest* will be presented at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, from January 27 - February I. The boys' hockey 1st XI will tour the Netherlands at half-term. The Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday, March 2, Term ends on Thursday. March 27.

Edgehill College. Bideford. Devoa Term begins today and the Entrance Examination for students to

Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, RA. A memorial meeting to celebrate the life and work of Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, RA. architect, was held

yesterday at the Royal Academy. Mrs Ann Jellicoe Mayne, niece.

Mr Michael Spens, Earl Jellicoe, FRS. Ms Kathryn Moore and Sir

Peter Shepheard gave addresses.

Among others present were:

Memorial

meeting

Friday, January 24. Edgehill Col-lege's Annual Charity Week will begin on Monday, February 17, with the proceeds this year going to the RNLI. The Careers Convention will be held on Friday, March 7. and the Senior School's production of Oliver will take place at The Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple on Wednesday, March 12. Term ends

Wednesday, March 12.

Shrib Form Scholarships have been awarded to: Georgina Loosemore (sport). Elizabeth Redhead (Arth. Tanya Reynolds (Music), Diana Scott. Edward So. Jayne Symons (Music), Hazel Warner, Thomas Wong, Embibitions have been awarded to: Ruth Andrew (Music), Rebecca Barker, Miriam Blakey, Louise Fenner and Victoria Hoyle. Eton College

Eton College opens today for the Lent Half. There are 1.287 boys in the School, R.B.R. Harrison KS continues as Captain of the School and G.D. Cook OS as Captain of the Oppidans. Dr M.S. Spurr has taken over his House.

The examination for Junior Scholarships will be held on January 25 and that for Sixth Form Scholarships on February 7 and 8.
The Business Conference starts on February 17, and Long Leave will

Shirley Bassey, the

singer, is 60 today

Mr David Bowie, singer and actor.

Mr. David Bowie, singer and actor, 50; Mr. S.G. Carneron, former chairman, Gallaher, 73; Mr. Phil Hall, Editor, News of the World, 42; Professor Stephen Hawking, CH. FRS, theoretical physicist, 55; Lord Hollenden, 83; Mr. Andrew Hunter, MP, 54; the Right Rev E.G. Knapp-Fisher, former Archdeacon of Westmirster, 82; Professor Sir Robert May, FRS, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government and Head of the

to the Government and Head of the Office of Science and Technology, 61:

Air Commodore Joan Mescalfe, for

Air Commodore Joan Mescalfe, for-mer director, RAF Nursing Services, 74; Mr Ron Moody, actor. 73; Mr Robert Parry, MP. 64; Mr D.E. Prince, Headmaster, Reed's School. Surrey, 59; Mr Ken Purchase, MP, 58; Mrs I.M. Read, MEP, 58; Professor W.B. Reddaway, FBA conomist. 84; Miss Galina Ulanova, prima balle-rina, 87; Sir Geoffrey Whalen, former deputy chairman, Peugeot Talbot

depury chairman. Peugeot Talbor Motor Company, 61; Professor A.G. Wilson, FBA, Vice-Chancellor, Leeds

University, 58: Mr Andrew Winckler. chief executive, Securities and Invest-

Birthdays today

be from February 20 to 24. There will be services of Confirma-tion in College Chapel, conducted by the Visitor, the Bishop of Lincoln, on March 8 and 9. School closes on March 19.

Haileybury & Imperial Service College Easter Term at Haileybury began on Monday, January 6. T.W.

Tyrwhitt-Drake has succeeded Major General John Homan, CB, as President of the Haileybury so resident of the relateyout Society. The original musical The Year of the Pig will be performed in Big School on February 21, 22, 23. The Choral Society and Orchestra will perform Mozart's Mass in C Minor on March 13. Term ends on March 19. Reed's School

Spring Term begins on January 8 and ends on March 21. Angus Hamilton continues as Cantain of School and Sam Sproston is Captain of Hockey. Sixth Form Scholarship Examinations will be held on January 28, the School Play The Long, The Short and The Tall will be performed on Feb-ruary 26, 27 and 28, and the Confirmation Service will be on March 19 in St Andrew's Church,

Latest wills

Lord Tweedsmuir, of North Ber-wick, East Lothian, Scotland, left estate valued at £135,219 net. Lord Killearn, of London SW7, left estate valued at £71,634 net. Baroness Steengracht Van Moyland, of Monmouth, left es-tate valued at £52,301 net. Lily Josephine Caswall White-field, of Heathfield, East Sussex. left estate valued at £2.536,601 net.

Colonei St John Carslake Brook

Winifred Mary Deas, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, left £610,147 net.

Luncheon

Harness Makers Mr James Smillie, Master of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, presented the Coachmakers' Award to Industry for technological achievements in the aerospace and automotive industries to Mr Michael Mar-shall, chairman and chief executive of the Marshall Group of Companies, at a court luncheon

She left to her housekeeper Peggy Baker, a freehold property at Heathfield, plus £50,000 and £5,000 to her gardener Alfred Boyes.

Johnson, of Richmond, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,044,061 net. Joan Falconer Kunzer, of Holyport, Maidenhead, Berkshire, left £562,617 net.

Ursula Norah Anstis Churchill-Dawes, of Berkhamsted, Hertford-shire, left £581,616 net.

Coachmakers and Coach

held yesterday at Tallow Chan-diers' Hall. Mr J. Williams also

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.E. Strett and Miss G.J. Pope

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late the Hon Rupert and Mrs Strutt, of Rockleys, Essex, and Georgina, elder daughter of Mr Georgina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pope, of Watlington,

Mr A.L. Brockbank and Miss C.S. Walford

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Major General and Mrs Robin. Brockbank, of Manor House, Steeple Langford, Salisbury, and Caroline, daughter of Captain Simon and the Hon Mrs Walford, of Summerstown, Trim, Co

Mr A.P.A. Siz

and Miss C.P. Robson The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Brigadier and Mrs Paul Simm, of Cambridge, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Robson, of Brenchley, Kent. Mr G.V. Appleyard and Miss C.J. Glossop

The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Applevard, of High Halden, Kent, and Camilla, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Glossop, of Coggeshall.

Mr R.H. Baines and Miss J.L. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mrs Janet Baines, of Tardebigge, Worcestershire, and Jilly, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Edwards, of Learnington Spa-Warwickshire.

Mr J. Brookes and Miss M. Lloyd and Miss M. Loyu

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Brookes, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.

Lloyd, of Bournemouth, Dorset. Mr H.A.C. Bruce-Gardyne and Miss L.E.K. Month

The engagement is announced between Hew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Bruce-Gardyne, of Middleton, Arbroath, Angus and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr Richard Monbiot, of Perry Barr, Birmingham, and of the late Mrs Margaret Monbiot. Mr A.J. Greaves

and Miss E.H. Stocker The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr D. Greaves, of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, and Mrs M. Greaves, of Poole, Dorset, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs S.M. McCabe, of Paris, France, and the late Mr D.L. Stocker.

Mr D.M. Haddon and Miss A.J. Rutherford The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mrs Sara Haddon and the late Mr David Haddon, of Glen, Irmer-leithen, and Jane, daughter of Mr John Rutherford, of Pulborough, West Sussex, and Mrs Jill Parker, of Alresford, Hampshire.

Mr A.J. Derrick and Miss L.E. Shiner

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Derrick, of Bristol and Louise, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Roy Shiner, of Alderbury. Wiltshire.

Mr J.D.S. Heal and Ms J.A. O'Dwyer

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of the Rev and Mrs David Heal, of Ceredigion and The Algarve, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mrs Nora Sands and the late Mr Cecil Noel Sands, of Kilrush, County Clare,

Mr M.E. Impey and Miss R.R. Bartlett The engagement is announced between Manhew, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Oliver Impey, of Cumnor, Oxfordshire, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Graeme Bardett, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr D.M. King and Miss C.J. Elliott the engagement is announced between David Michael, younger son of Canon Philip and Dr Margaret King, of Ruislip, Middlesex, and Catherine Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Elliott, of Pinner,

Middlesex. Mr R.A. Lee-Browne and Miss J.E. Peerless

and Miss J.E. Peerless
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Martin Lee-Browne, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, and Jane-Emma, daughter of Mrs Caroline Peerless and the late Mr. Peiers. Peerless of Demorsbourne. Brian Peerless, of Duntisbourne Leer, Gloucestershire. Mr P.J. Lenson and Miss C.J. Scriven

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs John Leanon, of Rugby, Warwickshire, and Clare, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Richard Scriven, of Forest Row, Sussex

Mr S.F. McCreery and Miss A.G. Fearm The engagement is announced between Sean, younger son of the late Mr Frederick McCreery and Swallowfield, Berkshire, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Fearn, of Hay-

wards Heath, Sussex. Mr T.O. Smith and Miss Z.L. Souter The engagement is announced between Timothy Owen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Derek Smith, of Blackbeath, London, and Zoe Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Christopher Souter, of Jesmond,

Newcastle upon Tyne. Mr P.H. Thomas and Miss N.S.J. Trump The engagement is announced between Peter son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thomas, of Bishops-teignton, Devon, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Trump, also of Bishopsteignton, and Miss S.C. Petter

The engagement is announced between Eric Behar, son of the late Mr Robert Litvack and of Mrs Sylvia Lirvack, formerly of Knowiton, Quebec, and Susan Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Petter, of Church Stretton, Shropshire and formerly of Pinner, Middlesex. Mr M.F. Menard

and Miss E.C. Bampto The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mrs Janet Menard, of Cranbrook, Kent, and the late Mr Bob Ménard, of Crowborough, Sussex. and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Bampton, of Knockholt, Kent.

Mr J.C-L.M. Peel and Miss S.M. Cooper The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr Richard Peel, of Somerton, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Carolyn Peel, of Chelsea, London, and Sophy, eldest daughter of the late Mr Guy Cooper and of Mrs Cooper, of

Pulhem, London Mr M.J.B. Shephere and Miss J.S.R. Rooke The engagement is announced between Marcus Shepherd, of

Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Johanna Rooke, of Silverton, Devon. Mr E.M. Stock and Miss S.E.B. Angus

The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of the late Mr Michael Stock and of Mrs Michael Stock, of Linscott, Moretonhampstead, Devon, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jestyn Angus, of Kirsopp House. Great Whittington, Northum-

berland. Mr S.J. Truman and Miss A.L.McN. Styles

The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Captain and Mrs D.D. Truman, of Camberley, Surrey, and Anna, eldest daughter of the late Dr Bill Styles, OBE, MA, FRCGP, and of Mrs Jill Styles, of Fontwell, West Surgest Mr A.C. Tuck

and Miss L.I. Simmonds The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Tuck, of Poole, Dorset, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Simmonds, of Cookham Dean, Mr S.D.H. Wilken and Miss T.A. Villiers

The engagement is announced between Sean, son of the late Mr John Wilken and of Mrs Elsie Wilken, now of Quenington, Gloucestershire, and Theresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Villiers, of London. Mr P.A. Would

and Miss E.C. Emlyn Williams The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs David Would, of Utterby, Lincoloshire, and Ecoma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Emlyn Williams, of Richmond, Surrey and Newport, Pembrokeshire.

As for me, I trust in your mulailing love; my heart will DEATHS safety. I shall sing to the Lord for he has granted all my desire. Psakin 13 : 5,6

BIRTHS

BIRCH - On January 3rd 1997, to Sue and Alex, a son, William Charles Lascelles, a brother for Emily.

1997, to Vivien (nie Barton) and Oliver, twin sons, William Hubert and Fergus Charles, brothers for Guy. BOWLZER - On 9th December 1996, to Alison (née Whittaker) and Stephen, a lovely daughter, Amelia Rose, a sister for Sophie.

COSTA - On December 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Egil (née Gavzielléon) and George, a gorgeous first born son, Andrew Thomas.

GOLDBART - On December 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Madeleine Honey (nee Cohen) and Ian, a lovely son, Michael James, a brother for Lucy.

HOARE - On 4th January 1997, to Pollyanna (née Marshall) and Stephen, a son, Charles James, a brother for Charlotte Rose.

Christopher, a daughter, Daisy jane.

ANSOM - Peter John (Avro) Wing Commander DFC. Passed away saddenly on 6th January 1997, in Purth, Western Anstralla, aged 75.

Western Anstralia, agen / Your enduring love, joy, enthusiasm and support will winambered and niways be remembered and you will be deeply missed. R.I.F. From Rose, David, R.I.F. From Rose, David, Robin and Melanie. Communications can be sent c/o Chipper Funeral Directors, 385 Rokeby Road, Subiaco 6008 Western

BROCK - Jeffry Vanstone: DSO, DSC, CD, Bear Admiral RCN (Retired). at Kingston, Ontario, Canado on Sunday, January 5th, 1997. Served at sea in Command for the greater part of World War II and the Korean War. Monthored three times in Dispatches and an officer of the United States Legion of Merit. Prior to his retirement

BUME - Sridget passed peacefully to rest on Monday 6th January 1997 sydd 89. Widow of RFL Bunn and daughter of G.G. Coulton. Funeral Service to be held in St Peres Church Bartom, Camba, on Thorsday 16th January at 3.30 pm, followers but donations to "Cats Protection League" clo Weyman Funeral Service, 26 Abbey Walk, Cambridge.

16th January at 2.15 pm.

CLARKE - Major John Frank
Edward O.B.E., loving
husband of Frances and
father of Feul, Angels and
Caroline, died peacefully at
home on 4th January 1997.

Private family funeral on
Friday 10th January. A
Memorial Service will be
held in the Spring on a date
yet to be amnunced Flowers
please or donations in Heu
to the National Listening
Library do R High & Sons, 1
Bayford Rusd, Sittingbourne,
Ent, tel. (01795) 472958.

COLLIER - Peacefully in

COVERTINY - Amy Florence on 31st December 1996 aged 94. Funeral Service at 12 moon on Monday 20th Industy 1997 at the Church of the Holy Spirtt, Nathonne Rod, SW4. Enquiries to E. Lamer & Son, tel: (0171) 223-5432.

223-5432.

CRISP - Major John Simon of Kirby Cane at home on 2nd January 1997. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Kirby Cane, on Friday 10th January 1997 at 2 pm. No Howers please, donathous for Kirby Cane Church Fabric Fund c/o Harvey Bros. Funeral Directors, Newgate, Kirby Cane, Brangay, Suffolk, NR35 ZPP. DAVIES - On 6th January DAVIES - On 6th January pracefully at home Seigndier Arthur Simoy Davies C.B.; late Royal Artillery, aged 93. Dearly leved husband of Thora after 66 years together and father of Harry (deceased). Arthur and Michael Funeral at Furnham Church, Chard, at 11 am on Wednesday 15th January, No flowers but denations to the Royal Artillary Charitable Fund, EA Barracks, Woolwich, SE18 4BH.

the family are indebted.

EDGELI - Philip Mawbey of Old Forge, Crowcombe, Somense, formerly of Ockley, Surrey, aged 90 peacefully in North Devon on 2nd January 1997 after a very short ilness. Much loved hauband of Luma (née Winch), killed by anemy action 15th September 1940, and of Natalie (née Erromhead). father of Richard and Nicholas, father-in-law of Janie and Anne-Marie, grandfather of Laura, Alastair, Earry, Angus and Sophic. Last Chairman of Notley Advertising Ltd. Hill Street, W.1. Surrey County Councillor 1967-1974. RASC.

FOWLER - Effect: Mary aged 92 years died in her sleep, quietly and gently as she ived, beloved of her family and friends. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Deerhunst, Churchester, or Friday Gloucester, on Friday January 10th at 230 pm. No flowers, donations to DGAA

om-Sez, Humphrey Nalson, aged 90 years. Husband of Daphne and father of Timothy. Private funeral Donations, if desired, for Oakhaven Hospics may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons, Faneral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire. GORDON - Anne, The Lady

NSPCC instead.

GRAHAM-GREEN - On 4th January Eisens Mary, widow of Major Graham John Graham-Green CB TD FCIArb and mother of Veronica. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Loundes, Highwiew Road, Cowe, Farnborough, Hants, at 10.30 are on Tuesday 14th January to which all friends and relatives are invited. Funton private. No flowers but donations if desired to CAFOD, 2 Garden Close, Stockwell Boad, London SW7 97Z. Enguiries to Measure E. Finch Ltd., tel: (01252) 22281.

HACKING - Burton Ian aged 94.
On January 4th 1997, pescefully at his home in Mayfield. Belowed husbard of Helen (deceased) and of Heien (deceased) and dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather Femens Service at St Dunstans Church, Mayfield on Thorsday, 16th January at 12 poor, Family Rowers only, but denations if wished to the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust, 71, Baker Street, London, WIM 1AH.

Wim last.

Hardy - Inliet, much loved, wife of Robin, mother of Tom and daughter of Barbura Also beloved sister of Radeleine, Michael, Antony, Mark, Vivianne, Nicholas and Lucy and stepmother of Jersmy, StClair, Zoe, Alexander, Dominic, Justin and Arabella Funentiat Downside Abber, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, near Bath, Friday January 10th 1997 at 3.30 pm. No Bowers please, donations, if desired to the charity Juliet founded For Life? In Gosen Anne House, 11 Charlotte Street, Bath, Manucial Services in London and New York will be organized for February in Thanksgiving for Juliet's life.

OLZ.

JACKSON - Dr. Esther. Passed away peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital on 7th january 1997, aged 80 years. Memorial Service in Salisbury Cathedral to be amounced at a later date. All enquiries c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Disactors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, (01722) 413136.

JAMESON - William Emileson JAMESON - William Jamieson M.B.E. M.A. R.COM. Suddan!

MRE MA RCOM suddenly but peacefully on 6th january 1997, at his home, at Ramavia, by Fort William, William (jamie), Beloved husband of Jean Peden, devoted father of Shella and Maggie, and dearly loved grandad, of Jonathon, Rachaed, Abigali, Alastair, Nell, and Catriona. A Memodal Service will be held on Edday 10th Ismany 1997, at 2 pm in Klmalile Parish Church, Corpach, Cremation Service private on Saturday 11th January, Family Rovers only piesse.

JOLLY - Riemor Catharine

Mines - Richard Colomon M.B.E. on 3rd January. Devoted husband of the late Mabel Dorothen (note Stotherd). Funeral Service (5pm Monday 13rd January at St Dominic's Priory Caurch, Southampton Road, NWS, Jollowed by private cremation. No flowers; but donations if desired to St Dominic's Priory tel: (0171) Dozdate's Priory tel: (0171) 485-5491.

HORMAK - Mano (Hormann) on December 22nd, at home, aged 34. Funeral Monday January 13th 2.45 pm at Putney Vale Cremutorium.

CHRITON - Pracefulty on 7th January 1997 aged 91.

Richard George Bochfort (Dick), adored husband of the late Pat, much loved father of Caroline and James of Advisor Bank of Bankand and deeply loved husband of Joyan Bankand of Margaret (Rée Daybune and father of Timothy Frivate funeral at St Peters in the late Pat, much loved father of Caroline and James and Alexa of Real and Caroline and James of Caroline and Ja

GLI SFS.
PIGGOTT - Arnold Howard
(Pos) Commander RNE retd.
In his 93rd year pascefully
on December 28th 1996.
Beloved husband of the late
Joyce and father of Jamis.
Folkeral to be held in the
Church of St Mary the
Virgin, Hambleden on
Saturday 11th January at
2.30 pen. Followed by private
cretagition. Family flowers
only, Donations, if desired,
to Hambleden Parochial
Church Council to Messrs
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WARBURG - May Neille, (née Holt) pescefully at home on 5th january in her 95th year. Mother of the late Dwid, Hew and Jensey, Cremetion at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday 14th Jensety at 12.15 pm. Family 10 were only but donations if desired to the Soyal Horticultural Society.

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grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service on Priday, january 10th at Juphins Church at 1 pm. and thereafter committed service at Aberdeen Crematorium at 2.15 pm. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES NEVELE - Mamorial Service for Sir Henry Nevile will be held in Lincoln Cathedral on Wednesday, 29th Idrary at 12 noon, All welcome. Inkets from Cieth to the Lieutenmoy Courty Office, Newland, Lincoln LN1 11. Revised, Lincoln LN1 IVI.

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VAM ZOGGEL - A Service of Calebration for the life of Worner van Zoggel of Seligenstadt, Germany and employe of Esstems for 27 years in Parakturt, Geneva and London, will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC6 on Tassday 14th January at 12 noom.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES. WARD A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Air Vice Ranshal Peter Ward, will be held at St Thomas' Church, Lymington, on Thursday, February 6th at. 12 noon.

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DeORIO - On 20th December at St Mary's Hospital, London, to Lena and David DeOrio, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Lozayne. EDGAR - On January 5th, to Emma (née Watmough) and David, a daughter, Laura Jane, a sister for Rate.

GODFREY-FAUSSETT - On 3rd January, to Diana and Christopher, a daughter, Lauza

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1997 at King's College Hospital, to Linda and Dennis, a benutiful son, Joshua Edwin.

ARNOLD-BROWN - Adam S.
(Addy) aged 77 years, a
quick release at home with
the family around him on
December 29th, Much lowed
husband, father and
grandfather. Memorial
Service in Salcombe Holy
Trinity Church at 230 pm on
Saturday January 25th.

BARBACK - Keith, Suddenly on 3rd January aged 48 years. Reloved husband of Heather, father of Tristan and Nell, dear son of Freds and the father of Trissan and Neil, dear son of Freds and the late Maurice. Funeral Service on Monday 13th January at 11 am at the Raptist Church, Haddenham, Sucks. Thereafter private cremation at Oxford. Family Llowers. Donations if desired to the Salvation Army clo Mr. F.J. Wilson Funeral Directors, Haddenham.

BARKER - Christopher, on 6th January 1997, suddenly and peocefully at home in Winchester in his 86th year. Dearly loved Rusband of the late Josephine, greatly missed Brother and Uncle, and friend to more people than it is possible to contemplate. Funeral Service on Tuesday 16th January at 2 pm at St John's Church, Winchester, Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, may be sent to a Charity of your choice.

Charity of your choice.

BORELLI - On January 7th 1997, his B3rd birthday, Father Charles Vincent Borelli KCHS, at Crispina Nursing Home, Farnham, where he was nursed and cared for for 34 years. Sympathy to Miss May Rollins his devoted housekeeper for 41 years and to all members of his family and portshioners who held him in great affection. Requiem Mass at St Joan of Arc. Farnham, Surrey, on Wednesday Jonany 15th at 11.30 am, followed by Internment at Farnham Cametory, RLP.

Merit Prior to his retirement from SCN in 1965, he held nom MAN in 1965, he acts an appointment of Vice Chief of Canadian Naval Staff, His last appointment was as Maritime commander Canadian Allantic, and Floy Officer Allantic coast. He is survived by his wife and children. Funeral unitaren. Funeral arrangements entrusted to lames Brid Funeral Home, 900 Counter Street, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7M 7H3.

Peter Shepheard gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Andrew Pares (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Professor Robin Humphries (brother-in-law), Countess Jeilicoe, Lady Emma Jeilicoe, Lady Daisy Jeilicoe, Mr Roger Mayne, Mr and Mrs Keith Harris, Mr and Mrs Keith Harris, Mr and Mrs Roger Darke, Mr and Mrs Keith Hoare, Mr and Mrs Roger Darke, Mrs Catharine Wray, Mr Tom Mayne, Mrs Katkin Tremayne, Miss Lynda Harris, Miss Judith Harris, Miss Landscape, Mr Richard Darke, Miss Caroline Darke, Mr Timothy Wray, Miss Eispeth Wray.

Representatives of Thames and Hudson, the Antique Collectors' Club. the Landscape Design Trust, Pepsico, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Tate Gallery, the Landscape Foundation, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Academy, Landscape Architects, the Cardscape Design Trust, Pepsico, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Landscape Foundation, the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Academy, Landscape Architects, the Candscape Design Trust, Landscape Foundation, the Royal Horticultural Society, the Environic Foundation International, Peter Swann and Associates, Christie's Modern Pictures. Theodore Osmundson and Associates, San Fransisco, Ine Moody Foundation, Texas and many other friends and colleagues.

flowers. Donations if desired to Westminster Memorial Hospital, Shaftesbury clo Bracher Brothers Ltd., Gillingham, Dorset. Thanksgiving Service to be held at Donhead St Mary Parish Church on Thursday 16th January at 2.15 pm.

Kent, tel: (01795) 472958.

COLLIER - Peacefully in Heolisy on Japuary 2nd, Michael Thomas Usburne, beloved husband of Pamela Mary (Terry) and much loved father of Jackie, stepfather of Jane and grandfather of Hattle and Justin. Life Member of British Racing Drivers Club. Drove chain-drive Franc Nash at Le Mans and other Interesting cars at the Nurburg Ring, 5pa, Miramas, Brooklands and Donnington, Funeral Sevice at Reading Crematorium, Caversham, on January 14th at 12.30 pm. Family Govers only, Donations if desired to ENID.

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CORRIE - Bryam on 6th January disd peacefully at Middlesex Hospital, London. Beloved bushand of Gillian and dearly loved father of January and Sue, grandfather of Victoria and Charlotte. Feneral Service to be held at All Saints Church, Laleham, on Wednesday 15th January at 12 noon. Fastly flowers only. Donations to Princess Alice Hospice should be sent of Holmes & Daughters, 3 Church Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 2UG (01784-421075).

COTTELL - Elicen Clare,

COTTELL - Elleen Clare, beloved mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother, died peacefully at Western Hospital, Southampton, on Friday January 3rd. Funeral at Southampton on January 14th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Debations if desired to Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Eoad, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 22x.

FENTY - (Nee Wyntt) Catherine aged 36, peacefully at Westam Park Hospital, Stough Dearty loved and will be grievously missed, especially by Jefferson (husband), Arthur and Pathein (sister). Service and cremation at Mortlake Cavenatorium on Friday, 10th January at 10 ak. Jonations of the Holy Spirit, Narbonne Good, SW4. Enquiries to Ellemer & Son, tel: (0171) 223-5432. cottell - Elleen Clare, beloved mother

Advisor Bank of England and deeply loved husband to Einzbeth, father to Stuart, Llonel, Linda and Julia and dearly loved grandfather. His warm ever present humour, bright mind and music will be dearly missed and cherished by all his family and friends at home and abroad. Funeral will be held at Randalis Park Crematorium, Eandalis Ecod, Leatherhead, on 20th January 1997 at 3 pm. held at Randalis Park Crematorium Emdalis Road, Leatherhead, on 20th January 1997 at 3 pm. Flowers to Truelove & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, 14718 Church Road, Epsom, Surrey KT17 4AB by 1 pm on the day of funeral or donations to Epsom District Hospital, Coronary Care Unit, to whom the family are indebted.

Councillo: 1907-1974. RASC active service and reserves. 1939-62, Lt. Col., O.B.E., twice mentioned in despatches, Officer (1st Class) of the Order of the Patriotic War (U.S.S.E.). Funeral Service on Taesday 14th Language 1907-29 Patriotic War (U.S.S.R.). Funners Service on Tuesday 14th January 1997 at Crosscombe Parish Caunch, nr. Tauston at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The Secretary, RASC/RCT Institution, RHQ RLC, Princess Royal Barnacks, Camborier, Surrey GU16 6KW.

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FAVALESSA - Alberto, highly respected restrumentary, on january 3rd 1997, beloved husband of Gill, loving father to Davide, Susy and Ricky. Funeral at Secred Heart Church, Vicarage Road, Healey-On-Thames, Oxfordshirk, on Thursday 9th January at 1.45 pm. Donations if desired to Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesen HAG 22N.

GELFIN - Irone, pencefully in hospital on january 3rd, aged 86 years, former school mistress at the Godolphin School, Salisbury, Funeral Section, Salisbury, Funeral School, Salisbury. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Lawrence, Ludlow on Saturday January 11th at 2pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, donations to be divided between the Felends of St Lawrence Church and the Friends of the Whiteliff Commoners. Enquiries to A. Hoskins & Son Funeral Directors, Ludlow, tel: (01584) 872048.

Sycium - Anne, Ine Lavy Roderic (new Yesey). Mother of David, Angus and Jamis, On 6th jamuary, peacefully after a short illness, Cremation private. No flowers; donations to the NSPCC instead.

HASLAM - Charlotte (nee Nisa Dorrism Smith). On January 3rd 1997, as the result of a tragic liliness, wife of Richard and mother of Nicholas, Felix and Cicely, Funeral private. Committal at a later date on Tresco. KEEN - Marjorie Helen of MCKSOE - William Philip on jammary 5th 1997 after an illness at 5t Philip's Hospital Malta. The funeral service will take place at Nadur Cametery, Caso, at 2.30 pm Saturday 11th Jamuary

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Mendeous Park, Coulsdon loving husband of Joyce
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Park Chapel at 3 pm - no
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JOLLY - Eleanor Catharine
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lowed wife of George, mother
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Service to be held in
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JONES - Jenny unexpectedly
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Saturday 18th January at St
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South Weston, Oxfordshire, died suddenly on December 29th 1996. 29th 1996.
LEWIS - Viola (née Moore) on january 5th 1997, aged 81, wife of John Addison (jack), believed mother and gandmother. Funetal at St. Bartholomew's Charch, Cross-ta-Hand, 12 noon on Wadnesdaya Louizy 15th ASTRONOMOUS CHAREA, CROSS-LAHARD, 12 DOOR ON Wednesday January 15th. Family flowers only, donations to the Dorothy Keria Trust, c/o & Jarvis Punena Directors, Cross-in-Hund, Heachfield, TNZ1 GSZ, tel: (01435) 862833. tel: (01435) 862833.

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1997, aged 97, belöved husband of Marie Nicole and well lowed friend to so many. Funeral at St Peters in the Forest, Woodford New Road, Walthamstow, E17, on Monday 20th January at 11.80 am followed by cremation at City of London Crematorium.

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MORSAE - Geoff on Sunday, January 5th at home in Peterston-Super-Ely, loved husband of Dianne (Professor Edwards), father of Chris and son-in-law of Endi and William Femeral Service at noon on Monday January 13th at St Anne's Church, Talygam, Fontychun. No Howers, but donations welcomed to plane trees in his memory at the New National Botanic Garden of Wales, Limmathme, Dyfed.

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ROSEVEARE - On 4th jamuary, peacefully at The Old Rectory Surring Home, Hutton, Weston-super-Kine, Marjory aged 102. Widow of Still and unich loved mother of Brenda (Wright) and of Rob, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation

jamany 1997 pencefully in hospital after a short Hinese, Joan Margaret (née Ebysventh) aspel 30, widow of hunes White Shapson, B.Sc., M.E.C.V.S. Deeply loved mother of Hobert and Alasdair, and grandmother of Hobert and Thomas. Forment at St. Mary's Church, Shidesham, near Chichester, West Sussez at 10.45 am on Wednesday January 15th 1997. By request, family flowers only, but if desired, donations to St. Elchard's Hospital, Chichester, West Sussez (Equipment Fund raf. 1985) in recognition of their care and kindness during her last days.

SEACK - On 4th jammay 1997, Wilfred Alexander, beloved father of Jennifer, Christopher and Adrian and grandfather of Susie, Wilfiam and Annabelle, husband of the late Margarat Service Monday 13th January 1997 at St James Church, Louth, Lincolnshire, 12,45 pm followed by committal at Grims by Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if so desired domains may be sent in his memory

but if so desired donations may be sent in his memory to "The Escale Donation Account" Estile Limited, 110 Eddgate, Louth, Lincolnshire, where the final total will be forwarded to Parkinson's Disease Society. SYMES - Sentrice Many Molly (nois Spencer) pescatally on 4th January. Funeral Burcounts 14th January at 10.30 am. Family Howers only. Denations to the School, Barford St Martin.

weeks - Lady, Gevta passed away peacefully on 7th January in her 9 lat year after a short linesa Widow of Str Str. Weiss, belowed mother of Norman, Fleur, Jennifer and Stephen; grandmother of Micola, Iracy, Mathew, Mischa, Kerry, Leura and Sheba, Cremation at Chilterns Cremation, Ameniam, on Friday 10th January at 9.30am, Funeral Sunday 12th January 2.30 pm at Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Cometery, Witton. No flowers please but donations if desired to British Red Cress clo Sawyer Funeral Service, 32 West Street, Marlow, Bucks. (01628) 48331.

worz - Cheries, of Frome, Somerset, died peacefully, after a short filmess, at the Eval United Hospital, Bath, on January 3rd, aged 71. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorians, Bath, on Saturday, Jahmary 11th, at 11.20 zm. No flowers, playes Donations to the Frincess Margaret Rose Ward, Royal United Hospital, may be cant to W. Adizma Somerset, Ball 11th (10137) & Adizma, February Donations with Princess Margaret Rose Ward, Royal United Hospital, may be cant to W. Adizma & Collins. C. Dion. Somerset, Ball 11th (10137) & Editor Civil 11th Prone. Somerset, Ball 11th (10137) & Editor Structure, Bandyour Square, London, at a time to be amounted.

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Heioz Blandford CRF industrial chemist, died on December 5 aged 88. He was born on August 28, 1908 FLEEING from Nazi Germany in the 1930s. Heinz Blandford came to Britain

HEINZ BLANDFORD

where he made a pioneering ment of liquid fertilisers, particularly for domestic use. Through his company, Ulvir, which he founded in 1936; he and managerial matters. developed the fertiliser Liquinure which became a household mame in the years immediately after the war. It was widely used by gardeners who had neither the time, inclination nor space to deploy the time-honoured — and time-consuming — methods of

the compost heap.

Born in Berlin, Henz Hermann Blandford was educated at the city's Augusta Gymnasium and at the universities of Berlin and Hamburg. He embarked on a career in pharmacenticals. But by 1935 he was finding Nazism intolerable and came with his family to England. where he founded his pharma-

ceuticals company, Ulvir. In 1945 he synthesised and manufactured. Liquinure, starting by preparing the product in his bath at home. It was the precursor of subsequent domestic fertilisers though it was also used in commercial horticulture. Another of Ulvir's highly-successful products was the application of phosphate coatings to the rustproofing of

Blandford sold his company to Fisons in 1957 and there-

after devoted more of his time to charitable interests outside business. He founded the Blandford trust for medical research designed to combat disease, helping in particular the work of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hanamersmith Hospital. London. Becoming a member contribution to the develop of the school's council, he played a key role in public appeals for funds and gave valuable advice on financial

> His reputation spread throughout London University and he became a member of the governing body (later chairman) of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation and was a governor of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, as well as being involved in the affairs of the Institute of Ophthalmology, Moorfields, and the London University School of Pharmacy. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in 1973 and appointed CBE in 1981.

> At his home, Holtsmere Manor in Hertfordshire he practised what he called his recreation of farming, though this was in fact a commercial, arable and soft fruit farming business which he had set up after selling Ulvir. As a businessman, scientist and manager he was remarkable for his intuitive approach to problems. At Holtsmere Manor he was renowned as a warm and

> generous host. His wife Hilde, whom he married in 1933, died in 1994. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

> > **FLIGHTS**



FLIGHTS DIRECTORY

Lord Maybew, former Labour MP and Foreign Office and Navy Minister, died yesterday aged 81. He was born on June 12, 1915.

n 1974 Christopher Mayhew crossed the floor of the House of Commons to join the Liberal Party some seven years before a more substantial number of his former Labour colleagues did the same to found the SDP. If he could not claim to be the John the Baptist of the Social Democrats - that distinction has to belong to Dick Taverne, who fought and won a famous Lincoln by-election as a Democratic Labour candidate in 1973 - then he could at least boast (in Dean Acheson's phrase) to have been "present at the creation".

agents in occupied Europe.

Herbert Morrison.

standing for Information Re-

search - which was, in effect,

designed to wage an ideologi-

cal war against what Mayhew

termed "communist imperial-

The project was marred, as

he later admitted, by the

taking on to its staff of a highly

recommended young man called Guy Burgess. Mayhew, however, had the satisfaction

of later sacking Burgess,

whom he once found going

through his drawers and

whom he officially described

on his Civil Service file as

"dirty, drunken and idle". This

did not, though, prevent Bur-

gess from continuing with his Foreign Office career — at one

time even serving as private secretary to one of Mayhew's

ministerial colleagues, Hector

Behind Mayhew's debonair

McNeil.

His long parliamentary career (he was one of the last survivors of the Attlee Government) was paralleled by suc-cessful journalism. He was a pioneer television commentator, being one of the original current affairs team recruited by the postwar BBC.

He was once described by Harold Wilson as "a very passionate and dedicated man". He had been attracted by Frank Buchman's Moral Re-Armament movement in his youth, became a zealous champion of the Palestinians and was never shy of the stranger reaches of human experience (at one time volunteering as a guinea-pig in the use of hallucinogenic drugs).

Christopher Paget Mayhew was the son of a chartered accountant who became chairman of Reckitt and Colman. His Paget second name commemorated his maternal great-grandfather, Sir James Paget, a friend of Darwin and Huxley and Surgeon Extraordinary to Queen Victoria. The Pagets were involved in many of the scientific-theological controversies of the 19th century.

Mayhew's growing up in the 1930s fitted the pattern of a privileged youth attracted to nonconformity. He tried to organise a strike at his public school, Haileybury. At Christ

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LORD MAYHEW Church, Oxford, where he



self-confidence there always lay, however, a sensitive, intellectually curious man with inner doubts. He underwent psychotherapy at this time. and developed the interest that led to his later chairmanship of the National Association for Mental Health (MIND).

He lost his seat at the 1950 election but shortly afterwards, when Ernest Bevin died, he inherited his old boss's seat at Woolwich East. Then came the long years when Labour was out of office.

Mayhew moved into television, and for a time was one of the very few commentators on the still young BBC television service, often allowed to nick the subjects he chose to investigate and then to discuss as well as report upon them. He was a passionate believer in traditional BBC standards. and later campaigned against the coming of commercial television. On one occasion he even carried a monkey on his shoulder into an Oxford Union debate, a gesture intended to warn his audience against the vulgarity of American television, on which a chimpanzee called J. Fred

Muggs was at the time a major attraction.

A TV series to which he attached great personal importance was Men Seeking God. (He published a book of the same name in 1955.) It brought him into touch with mystical movements and also with what came to be known as psychedelic drugs. For a BBC programme, following in the wake of Aldous Huxley, he drank mescalin and described his resultant feelings.

His strong views on the communist menace did not prevent him from being active in the cause of friendlier relations between the British and the Russians. He was chairman of the British Council's Soviet Relations Committee and in 1962 published a book called Co-existence Plus. But he was always on the right wing of the party and fought hard (though with some despondency — he did not ap-prove of George Brown) against Harold Wilson's election as leader in succession to Hugh Gaitskell.

named deputy Foreign Secretary. Not surprisingly, he was passed over, though he himself always believed this was because his name had now become linked to another cause to which he committed himself passionately, that of the Palestine Arabs. (It was a cause that was to colour the rest of his career and expose

him to extraordinary anger

But Wilson did not ignore

and bitterness.)

him — as he did with figures like Woodrow Wyatt and Reggie Paget, Instead, he appointed him Navy Minister at the Ministry of Defence, where Mayhew served under Denis Healey until 1966 when he resigned in protest over the defence cuts. The point at issue (on which the First Sea Lord, Sir David Luce, resigned tool was the aircraft carrier programme. Mayhew did not dispute the need for the Forces to cut back on their commitments, but argued that the cuts made it all the flexibility which a powerweeks ago in the Letters columns of The Times.)

From the back benches he developed his interests in mental health and in the Arab cause. In 1975 he was joint author with Michael Adams of a book which attracted wrath in Zionist, and a good many non-Zionist, quarters: the book was called Publish It Not ... the Middle East Cover-Up and its title was fairly evocative of its content. Mayhew's memories of Middie East tensions went back a long time. As junior minister under Bevin, at the time of the setting up of the State of Israel. he had been "sentenced to death" by the Stern Gang and he had been one of the first Westerners to interview President Nasser.

Meanwhile, by the late 1960s reporting regularly to Roy Jenkins, he had determined that the Labour Party needed drastic reform. He became chairman of a group of MPs who discussed secretly how to get rid of Harold Wilson (they were thwarted by the refusal of the followers of Jenkins and James Callaghan to make common cause, each faction preferring to keep Wilson in the leadership than to see the other installed). Nevertheless, several of the group went on to form the Social Democratic Party, but not until 1981. Before that, in July 1974, Mayhew acted on his own by joining the Liberal Party between the two general elections of that year.

He stood unsuccessfully in Bath (before the days of Chris Patten) at the election of October 1974 and did so again in May 1979, this time being defeated by Patten. As a consolation prize he was nominated to the House of Lords by David Steel in 1981. It was hoped by the Liberals that, with his ministerial experience, he would play a useful role in presenting a realistic Liberal defence policy. But instead he tended to concentrate on the Arab world, being an inveterate attender at such functions as national days at Middle Eastern embassies.

Mayhew's extensive writing included Party Games (1969). which set out his disillusionment with the Labour Party. and a slightly disappointing autobiography. Time to Explain (1987).

He married, in 1949, Cicely Ludlam, a Foreign Office official - she had been the second woman admitted to the Diplothe more necessary to aim for matic Service — whom he met when he was a minister at a When the Wilson Labour ful carrier force would repre- conference in Geneva. She Government came to office in sent. (He was fighting the old survives him, together with 1964, Mayhew had hoped to be battle all over again only six two sons and two daughters.

DESMOND FLOWER

Desmond Flower, MC, publisher, died yesterday aged 89. He was born on August 25, 1907.

THE only son of Sir Newman Flower, the firm's effective founder, Desmond Flower was for many years chairman of Cassell and a notable figure in the world of publishing. He belonged to a generation among London's publishing houses whose time has now largely passed.

Brought up very much to be "the young master", Desmond John Newman Flower was educated at Lancing and King's College, Cambridge. Within a year of going down from university, he joined the family firm. He was made a director the following year at the age of 23 and was named literary director in 1938. In 1952 he was appointed deputy chairman, becoming chairman in 1958.

In 1969, after a decade in which he had been in charge, Cassell became a subsidiary of the American publishing corporation Crowell-Collier and Macmillan. Although he had not opposed the takeover. Flower severed all connection with the new regime in 1971. Flower had served with

distinction in the Second World War, winning a Military Cross and being men-tioned in dispatches. He was commissioned in the 5th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 1941 and later saw service with 91 (A & SH) A/T Regiment.

He was founder and editor (with A. J. A. Symons) of The Book Collector's Quarterly from 1930 to 1934 and chairman of the Folio Society. He edited the poetical works of Ernest Dowson, compiled The Nonesuch Century with Sir Francis Meynell and A.J.A. Symons and, with A.N.L. Munby, wrote English Poetical Autographs. He published in 1950 Voltaire's England. followed in the same year by a history of the battalion of the regiment in which he had served during the war and, ten years later, with James Reeves. The War, 1939-1945.

If not strictly the last of the gentlemen publishers, he could be seen clearly to belong to a tradition, the members of which brought to their trade an interest in books and a cultivated taste. (On the other hand, they tended to learn their business by the light of harsh and bitter experience.) Desmond Flower was a book-

man first, in the curious English sense of the word, and an entrepreneur almost by accident.

Despite the fact that in its

heyday his own firm tended to

specialise in blockbusters such as Nicholas Monsarrat's The Cruel Sea or the Churchill Second World War memoirs, Flower's own tastes were scholarly, literary, academic and French, combined with an amateur's care for good typography high-quality printing and elegant binding. An occasional item in the Cassell list, such as Printing and the Mind of Man, suggested the personal intervention of the chairman, but for the most part he appeared to be content to leave the day-to-day conduct of the firm to his more professional colleagues.

His care for the cultural links between England and France, and particularly for the restoration of those links after the Second World War. was given practical expression in his work for the library of the University of Caen. This probably brought him more satisfaction than anything he did in business, as well as public recognition in the form of an honorary doctorate from

Flower took little part in British publishing politics and had a reputation among his professional colleagues for aloofness, in part perhaps a touch of academic arrogance. in part the traditional independence of the British publisher. Certainly under his direction Cassell displayed most of the virtues of the traditional British general publisher - a characteristic flavour" to the list, an individual house style and tone, and a recognisable human

scale. Like many similar houses. Cassell came under financial pressure in the 1960s and, along with many of his contemporaries, Flower saw first financial control and ultimately publishing control pass into other hands. In the end he withdrew from all active participation in the business, contenting himself in the last dozen years of his active life with being a consultant to the Sheldon Press.

Flower was thrice married. His first two marriages ended in divorce and he is survived by his third wife Sophie, together with a son from his first marriage and a son and two daughters from his second.

THE DICKENS CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Even those bodies which have been foremost in protesting against the holding of a variety entertainment on a Sunday evening have also been eager to express their sincere admiration for the purpose of that particular entertainment, which has been the cause of such discussion; and vesterday evening one spirit alone animated both performers and audience at the Coliseum, the desire to do honour to the memory of Charles Dickens and to assist towards aiding those of his grandchildren who are in need. The choosing of Sunday was due, as the manager of the Coliseum has explained, to the fact that only on their day of rest were so many of the leading actors and actresses free to give their services; and a glance at the programme, which was given in The Times of December 30, will satisfactorily establish the force of this reason; such a wealth of talent has not been gathered together since the gala performance

Yer it must be confessed that in some respects the common desire animating all was not without its drawbacks; so many performers, each excelling in spheres widely different, had orong forumed to common desired and desired to the second desired to the second desired desired to the second desired desired desired to the second desired desire had come forward to assist that the programme resembled a garden running wild in

at His Majesty's Theatre last summer.

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A premature celebration of the centenary of the great man's birth; he was in fact born on February 7, 1812.

incongruous luxuriance . . . Certain parts also of the programme had no connexion whatsoever with Dickens, and, excellent though these were, they seemed superfluous in a programme which was of immense length without them. Everybody had obviously been only too anxious to give their assistance, and it was essentially a variety, almost a polyglot, entertainment, but, however the evening may have seemed viewed as a harmonious unity, it was, when taken apart, one of sustained brilliance, each scene being of the very best of

It was begun by Mme. Clara Butt, who sang the National Anthem, and the Overture

to Tannhäuser and songs by Mr. Kennerley Rumford followed. Dickens was not forthcoming till the fourth item. Even then it was. perhaps, a mistake to allow Scrooge, which was played by Mr. Seymour Hicks, who had a great reception as director of the entertainment, and Act IV from The Only Way. which was played by Mr. Martin Harvey and his company, to follow upon one another; they gave the proceedings a start of tragic tone. But then came Mr. Cyril Maude as Sairey Gamp and Mr. Fred Emney as Betsey Prig. and they restored gaiety to all. In The Maypole Inn Scene" Mr. Laurence Irving played Barnaby Rudge, and all the favourites of the Empire danced: Mr. E.S. Willard. Mr. Hayden Coffin. Miss Alexandra Carlisle, and others appeared in a sketch called Tom Pinch, and then "Bardell v Pickwick" in which Sir John Hare, Sir George Alexander, Miss Irene Vanbrugh, Miss Marion Terry, and many other well-known artists, whose names have already been given, closed the first half of the programme. The second was composed of three dances from Henry VIII, The Follies, Mrs. Kendal's recitation of "Dickens in Camp," and many living and speaking tableaux illustrating Dickens's works, his contemporaries, and a token of respect to his immortal memory"...



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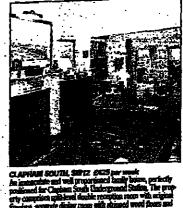
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... odgers have a bad image in popular culture. On screen, their roles tend to occupy a limited range between social psychopath and dangerous psycho-path. Like successful career women (Fatal Astraction), nannies (The Hand that Rocks the Cradle) and television repair men (The Cable Guy), Hollywood generally regards such people as a threat to the American household.

But don't believe the hype. I have been letting my two spare bed-rooms since 1991 and the experience has been nothing but

The Government helps me to maintain my positive attitude by offering generous tax incentives to landlords. Under the rent-a-room scheme, from next April up to £4,250 a year is tax-free — which works out at about £81 a week. Outside London, where the average rent is £55 a week, some landlords may pay no tax at all. Rents are much higher in the capital, averaging £90 to £100 a week, which means that landlords still have to pay tax on only part of

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the profits. Alternatively, if you have more than one lodger, as I do, it can be advantageous to ignore the scheme and instead claim tax relief against expenses. I include everything in my list of deductions, from washing up liquid to light bulbs.

The large

e large amount of money involved is the reason I do not let to friends. Lodgers are essentially

Never let your friend be your lodger cash cows, to be handled firmly yet pleasantly with a view to maximising profits. You cannot turn your friends into a business and expect to maintain the same relationship. When lodgers a) default on the rent, b) break the

washing machine, or c) hog the telephone all night, the rules for dealing with the situation are simple. In the case of a) give them a month's notice, b) deduct the cost from their deposit, and c) tell them to get off the telephone. But you cannot throw your friend on to the street when she has lost her job, even if it means her living with you rent-free for the next nine months. My prejudice against letting to

friends is confirmed by some of the

nightmare stories I have heard

from people who do. The biggest problem is the fact that proximity often breeds jealousy. It is not unusual for one flatmate to feel that the other is "taking over" his or her friends, particularly as people tend to regard flatmates who are friends as a double act. Edward Vaisy, a 29-year-old political lobbyist, shares a flat with his best friend, which he enjoys,

except that: "Mutual friends ring up and feel obliged to make conversation with you for five minutes, even though they actually want to talk to the other person.

Amanda Foreman: "The Government offers tax incentives to landlords -- £81 a week from April"

Also annoying is the weekly competition to see who gets asked out more. Then there's the issue of how you socialise at home without your latmate automatically joining in." Ironically, the distance inherent

in the landlord-lodger relationship guarantees everyone a far greater sense of privacy. We all do our own thing in my house; occasionally, we watch television together or share a takeaway, but our lives are

separate. The fact that everyone's background is different brings unexpected benefits, too, I had a travel agent once who was good for cheap flights, a champagne salesman (exeful for parties), a bank

manager (sound pension advice) and a professional sailor who enjoyed DIY.

Last year my house embodied a successful version of the Northern Ireland peace talks. There was Claire the banker, a Roman Catholie from Cork, Robert the engineer. a Protestant from Belfast, and myself, an Anglo-American, all living in civilised harmony — we just never mentioned the word unification.

After five years in the business. I have learnt that the rules are few but indispensable:

 The room must be presentable. include drawer and cupboard space and have a double bed - no one will accept a single bed

nowadays. Do not take someone on the first interview - always meet them a second time before deciding. Ask direct questions about their previous house (there may be good

reasons why this person is looking for a new place). Be explicit about the house rules at the first meeting, ie, this is a non-smoking house, you must write down all telephone mes-

sages, you may not give parties. Do not allow the new lodger to move in without writing you a cheque for the first month's rent and a month's deposit.

 Have the rent paid by standing order and agree on a six-month contract, with a let-out clause on both sides of a month's notice.

Using an agency dulls the pain of looking. Probably the best in London are Flatmates, which has been around for 25 years, and The Flatshare Directory, which started

last year.

Flatmates, run by Molly Ber-wick, takes a psychological ap-proach and insists on interviewing all its clients, both tenants and landlords. It acts almost like a dating agency and tries to put people together who will become friends. The Flatshare Directory places its emphasis on the quality of the property. James Baker personally inspects every flat or house, but he does not meet potential tenants, "Most of them are too busy to come down to the office during working hours." he

noth agencies charge a flat B fee of a week-and-a-half's rent. although The Flat-share Directory only levies this charge against tenants, on the basis that without the landlords, the company would not exist.

Of course there is no guarantee that your lodger will not become attracted to Satanism. Maybe one day I will end up like Meg Ryan in Pacific Heights and have to shoot my lodger dead. But in the meantime, I'm quite happy to take the money and run.



A view of Brocket Hall across the golf course from the estate's Paine Bridge. CCA, the new owners, plan a second 18-hole golf course plus a health spa with gymnasium and pool

The three children of Lord Brocket are likely to inherit a very different home from that enjoyed by their parents. The jailed peer's heirs, Alexander, 12, William, five, and Antalya, eight, will recover Brocket Hall in 60 years' time, thanks to its leasehold sale last month. Meanwhile, the house is to be transformed by its new owner, CCA, a Hong Kong-based developer-manager of 28 private city, golf and

country clubs.

CCA has revealed plans to re-launch the house as a hotel and conference centre to rival Cliveden, near Cookham, Berkshire, former

home of the Astor family. The company plans to build a second 18-hole golf-course on the 534 acre estate, outside Welwyn in Hertfordshire, a health spa, with a gymnasium and pool, and to restore extensively the existing Grade I listed house, now used as a conference centre.

Gilders, builders and decorators are already at work. Nigel Massey. a spokesman, talks of "awakening the slumbering beauty that is Brocket from the neglect that took place during the 18 months of

> Gilders, builders and decorators are already at work

negotiation for the property's sale. The house's restoration and eventual return to the Brocket children is some consolation to Lord Brocket, who is in Ford open prison in West Sussex completing a five-year sentence for a £4.5 million insurance fraud. "At least in this way my children will eventually be able to go home," he said.

CCA is believed to have paid E9 million for the 60-year lease. The new hotel-conference centre would have an estimated 60 bedrooms, compared with the present 46 bedrooms and suites. A big-name chef is also to be nired.

Michael Longshaw, the house's. new general manager, who is already at Brocket, says: "We are doing some rapid restoration in the main house. Some of the interiors have been allowed to become a bit

tired during the past two years."

CCA's plans are still subject to planning consent from Hertfordshire County Council. No location has been chosen for the new golf course or the spa, but the spa would be built to mirror the architecture, of the main building.

Brocket Hall tees off to a new revival

As the former lord of the manor sits in jail, Rachel Kelly looks at the grandiose plans for an historic stately home

such as Brocket were built not only for the family but to provide adequate facilities for meetings where various aspects of the family's business interests could be dis-

appropriate that Brocket Hall should again be used for the purpose for which it was designed." CCA's plans are the latest chapter in the colourful history of the

Prime Minister, lived there with Lady Caroline Lamb, his deranged wife. The one-time lover of Byron, she had attracted notoriety by emerging naked from a soup tureen. In 1865 Lord Palmerston, house, built in 1760. Lord Melanother Prime Minister, was found bourne, Queen Victoria's first



The hanqueting room in which Lady Caroline Lamb had herself served up naked in a soup tureen

dead on the billiard table after an

entanglement with a maid. CCA is owned by its founder, Dieter Klostermann. The company's clubs, mainly in the Asia Pacific region, have 80,000 mem-bers and include the London Capi-tal Club and the Vietnam Golf & Country Club. Golf club members will be allowed to transfer their membership to the new club at no extra cost. CCA is considering special concessions for members'

access to the main house. The present Lord Brocket saved the house from disrepair by converting it in 1981 into a profitable residential meeting place" and golf club, with an international standard 18-hole championship golf course. But his speculation in the classic car market cost him £20 million and left him with big debts. So Lord Brocket planned a £4.5 million insurance fraud that would save him from ruin. In 1991, he broke up and hid the parts of three Ferraris and a Maserati, which he reported stolen and for which he

claimed insurance. In 1994 Lady Brocket, a former Vogue model, exposed her husband's dealings. She is now living

A spokesman talks of 'awakening the slumbering beauty'

in her homeland of Puerto Rico with their three children. For the past 18 months, the house and golf club were owned and run by Brocket Hall Ltd; the surrounding estate was owned by a family trust. Both parties had to agree to the sale before it could go ahead.

Midland Bank demanded that Brocket Hall be sold to pay off an £18 million debt that had accrued and it went on the market 18 months ago for £15 million for a 125-year lease. Other bidders included the property developer Elliot Bernerd, whose company owns Wentworth Golf Club, and David Sullivan, the publisher of the Sunday Sport, but reports of a £30 million offer for the freehold from the Brunei Royal Family were denied. Other potential investors had flatly rejected the idea of spending millions on the property for it to return to the Brocket family in the future.

CCA wants to restore more historic houses and it is looking at other important houses in southern England. None, though, is likely to be as intriguing as Brocket.

The tax breaks that help the new landowner

Amanda Loose reports on the boom

in the large country estates market

The market for large country estates and their houses, so long mired in recession, is booming. Estates are seiling for well over the asking price, and Knight Frank last year were snapped up even before reaching the open market.

Agents predict further price increases this year, because of the latest round of City bonuses, continuing tax breaks available for new owners, booming land values, and the chance of large European Union subsidies in the form of common agricultural policy (CAP)

The large estates market was sluggish until 1994. Willie Gething of Property Vision, says: "in the early 1990s, Grade II land was selling for about £1,000 an acre. The value of agricultural land has now tripled to £3,000 an acre. in some instances.'

James Laing, of the land agency Strutt & Parker, says: "Agricultural profits have boomed because of consistently good harvests and high crop yields, coupled with low interest rates and low inflation. Land values in the Home Counties have risen by up to 30 per cent on a year ago because of greater profits to be had from agriculture. These have increased since our exit from the exchange-rate mechanism, as the levels of subsidies have in-

creased after the pound devalued."
Four of Britain's wealthiest landowners received £1 million each in CAP grants last year and 16 others were given between £500,000 and £999,000, according to government

figures released last week.

More than 1,000 farmers received £100,000 and a further 1,234 subsidies of between £100,000 and £1 million. The subsidies include set-aside grants which give farmers £338 for each hectare of land left fallow. Tax breaks are an incentive.

Businesses can postpone their tax liability on the sale of their company by claiming reinvest-ment tax relief if they reinvest the proceeds, Mr Laing says. "In addition, if you farm land yourself for two years before you die, you are eligible for 100 per cent inheritance-tax relief," he says. "Many buyers fear that such tax reliefs could change if Labour comes to power, so they are taking advanage of them while they can." Strutt & Parker estimates that

building-land prices also increased by more than 10 per cent last year. which has generated an increase in buyers looking for development land. Mr Laing adds: "As the housing market recovers, more landowners are selling small corners of their estates as building land. If someone reinvests the profits made from a trading asset in land within three years, then they qualify for rollover tax relief, which postpones paying capital gains tax." Many of the new buyers last

year were entrepreneurs whose companies had merged or been acquired, according to Mr Gething. More than 40 per cent of purchases were made by City or business buyers, says Crawford from Knight Frank while 39 per cent of estates went to overseas buyers, attracted by low land premiums.

Most estates are going for above the asking price. Mr Crawford says. Premiums of up to 20 per cent above guide prices were achieved last year, and Justin Marking, of Savills, estimates that people have paid premiums of up to 40 per cent.

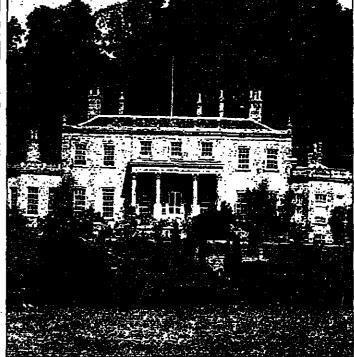
arge estate and country house sales in 1996 were fast and furious. One of the fastest-selling estates of the year was West Ashling House, near Chichester, West Sussex. The former home of Viscount Portal. designed by Robert Lutyens (son of Sir Edwin), was sold in just four days by Humberts for well above the £1 million guide price.

Wilbury Park, the Grade I listed Palladian mansion near Salisbury in Wiltshire, was bought for more than £8 million, £3 million over its guide price, by Miranda Countess of Iveagh, of the Guinness family. One of the biggest private sales

of the year was Foxcote Estate in Ilmington, Warwickshire. The 900-acre estate, with its Georgian house, went for about £8 million. The Hurdcott Estate, between

Salisbury and Shaftesbury, owned by the property developer John Beckwith, was one of the year's familiar stories. It went for more than £10 million in a private sale -£2.5 million above the traditional valuation.

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WOLKSpear THE new year has brought claustrophobia to the offices of The Express, where Lords Hollick and Seevens of Ludgate soldier on in latest ailing seven-day paper. The latest money-saving wheeze at the Blackfriars HQ is to prove that two floors of editorial staff can be made to squeeze into one.

This week forlorn journalists inhabiting level three in the building are stuffing their belongings into bin bags and traipsing upstairs to join their colleagues on level four. Their old home can then be leased out, earning the com-pany about El million a year.

It is undeniable that the bloodletting at the paper has left vacant desks around the place, but staff claim their new working environment will be like a cramped Victorian schoolhouse, "And we intend to behave accordingly, says one poor chap as he prepares to vacate his window seat for a draughty corridor next to the door.



Lynam: bid for a media empire

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GIVEN that university students are naming bars and buildings after him, it should come as no surprise that Des Lynam, the BBC sports presenter, is bidding to create his own media empire. Lynam, who renewed his Beeb contract for a reported £500,000 last year, has teamed up with friends in his home town of Brighton to bid for a local radio licence in East Sussex. The new venture. Brighton FM, plans to broadcast news, entertainment

and sport. It will no doubt be scrupulously fair in reporting the fortunes of Lynam's own team, Brighton and Hove Albion, which is rooted at the bottom of the Nationwide League's third division. It is not clear whether Lynam's new role will lead to a conflict of interest. If successful, Brighton FM will be a rival to the BBC's own Southern Counties Radio.

Auntie's minder

AFTER much head-scratching, the BBC has finally found a replace-ment for Stephen Whittle (now director of the Broadcasting Standards Council) as chief minder, or what the BBC more coyly refers to as "chief adviser editorial policy".

Susan Spindler, former deputy head of science and features at the Beeb and conceiver of the hugely successful Animal Hospital television series, has been sharpening her red pencil over the holidays and will take on the job this week. Given the debate about taste

and decency on television, the post is a hot potato at the moment. But Spindler, considered a "good egg" by colleagues, is expected to be a safe pair of hands. Since Whittle's departure last spring, the post had been held on an interim basis by James Boyle until he was appointed controller of Radio 4 last year.

UNDETERRED by the decision of Bruce Gyngell, Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Television boss, to ban its Hollywood Lovers series from his ITV region. September Films is already working on its next series. Hollywood Women(described by one regulator as "distressingly popular"), Hollywood Kids, Hollywood Men and Hollywood Pets, you might think there was nothing left, but September Films has only just started. Prepare for Hollywood Doctors and Nurses, Hollywood Homes and Gardens and Hollywood Cops.

Labour's lobby

MAKING a film about lobbying was never going to be easy for Michael Cockerell, the journalist behind the BBC's programme A Word in the Right Ear. Cockerell had a surfeit of lobbyists, particularly from the tobacco and water industries. But the hardest job was getting anyone from the Labour Party to mention the "L word" on camera. His film crew was finally given permission to film Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary. talking to lobbyists. But Mr Cool sent them away, saying he knew nothing of the arrangement.



Titillation time: page three girls have returned to The Mirror

Maggie Brown on the anatomy of a desperate relaunch

Has The Mirror finally cracked?

he desperate quest for more readers has led Britain's only Labour-supporting tabloid into a strange relaunch this week. It looks as if millennium fever may have gone to its editorial head.

In a hid to woo back the under-45s who have been deserting in droves, the Daily Mirror has emptied its front page of words and redesigned it as a poster, New York tabloid-style.

Piers Morgan, the paper's young (31) and much-criticised Editor, said: "There will rarely be text on page one in future. We will go for impact and image. Being economical with words starts with the new masthead, which a myriad of critics gleefully pounced upon as a stylistic cross between The People and a

freesheet. Out has gone the word Daily in favour of a simple The Mirror. The frontnage promise of "honesty, quality, excellence" which replaced the earlier forward with the people" has also been ditched. The Mirror now styles itself the paper for the new millennium.

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It has been reconstituted after months of intensive market research and the use of "focus groups" in which selected readers were canvassed in fine detail about what they wanted to see in The Mirror. Particular attention was paid to the views of younger readers. The paper is trying to tread a fine line between keeping its traditional working-class readers and encouraging their children and grandchildren to sample the paper

In an admission which had former editors snorting with disapproval they believe successful newspapers develop instinctively - Mr Morgan

said he had relied heavily on the research findings. What the research showed was that some readers, especially younger ones, found the Mirror "slightly boring. According to Mr Morgan, they wanted something more vibrant, aggressive, attitudinal.

They also appreciated regional news and weather, so the paper has been regionalised into seven areas and each edition carries a digest of regional snippets on page two. This is diametrically opposed to the practice of successful editors such as Stuart Higgins, who think that national papers should be national reads.

Inside, in contrast to the front page, there are a lot more words than before (although perhaps not a higher story count), yet scant sign of any concept of what a powerful. Blair-supporting tabloid ought to be. This upset Richard Stott, the last campaigning Editor of the Daily Mirror, ousted by David Montgomery in 1992. "If there is a Labour government at last, it has to have a critical friend with intellect and nous. That should be the role of the paper," he said.

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Tucked away in a lengthy letter from the Editor in Monday's Mirror, below news of a "sizzling new music column" called Mad For It. came the eventual promise: "We hold dear our traditional values of campaigning journalism, fighting injustice wherever it may be." But irectly opposite, the page three pin-up was back.

The Mirror package has been fattened up with extru pages for television, puzzles and a daily women's section. And there is more news at longer lengths — the paper will contain, on average, an extra eight pages a day. On Monday it had 68 main editorial pages

compared with The Sun's 52. Mr Morgan, who made his name through showbusiness reporting, has bowed to criticism that the Mirror had become too vacuous. Every Monday there will now be a for-and-against

debate on a key issue. Britain needs a monarchy. Foreign news is also being restored. Miriam Stoppard, confirmed

on Monday as the late Marjorie Proops's successor, will provide true-life casebooks (picture stories) as part of a daily dose of agony, but was swift to point out that she would be taking a more uncompromising stand on women's rights than her predecessor.

Mr Morgan says that the paper is deliberately pitching for modern, liberated women (despite page three), to distinguish itself from the "misogynist" Sun and "traditionalist" Daily Mail. This approach is personified by Mandy Capp, a new column running juxta-

posed with the trademark Andy Capp. Ms Stoppard described feelings of "buzz, bonding and excitement" among her new colleagues before the relaunch. They certainly need some good news: The Mirror is performing badly. Average sales in the six months to November 1996 (the most recent figures) are down by 5.6 per cent. Most worryingly, the number of readers aged 45 and under has fallen by 15.9 per cent. The average age of The Mirror's readers is 46, compared with The Sun's 42. Its market share is constantly being eroded just when its political legacy should be winning sales. The humiliation of being

overtaken by the Daily Mail may not be far away.

What do the critics say? Phil Walker, the Editor of The Star, was terse: "It's beyond comment." Bill Hagerty, a former deputy editor of the Mirror, said: " I was expecting something more glossy. Monty [David Montgomery] so hated the old Mirror, he threw out the baby and was left with the bathwater. There is nothing left. When I see their list of writers, I weep.

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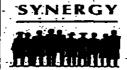
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He reacted furiously to Mr Blair's attitude to beggars and minor criminals, saying the Labour leader had accused him of being petty and vindictive when he promised action on the issues two years ago ...

Branson floats off on record attempt

E Richard Branson's attempt to be the first man to fly a balloon non-stop around the world was launched as his towering 200ft helium balloon rose against the snow-capped Atlas mountains. The Virgin Challenger took off at 11.18am with Mr Branson, 46. Per Lindstrand, 46. and their 11th-hour substitute co-pilot. Alex Ritchie. on board.......

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Teachers' boycott

Head teachers threatened to boycott school training for 20,000 student teachers unless the Government backed down over early Page 6

Stalking fear

A bank official claimed yesterday she had been stalked for 14 years by a man she turned down for a

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Markus Wolf, the former Communist spymaster, rejected charges of kidnapping Cold War agents and launched a blistering attack on the German authorities ..

Juppé flies into a menu row

Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, has flown into another damaging row by admitting to a taste for ortolan bunting, the songbird beloved by gourmands but technically protected under French law. He told Elle: "The funny thing about ortolans is that it is forbidden to hunt or sell them but, in the best places, you can still find them" ...



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The two most unacknowledged but influential individuals on policy towards crime prevention in this country have been the Governor of California and the Mayor of New York

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When the President promised last November to give Pakistan a new political start, he gave no hint of meaning by it the installation of an army-backed presidential system

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SIMON JENKINS

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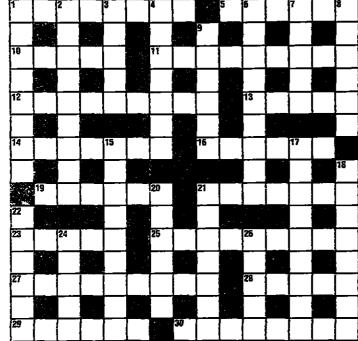
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- group (7). 16 Job unlikely to be found at the end of this line? (6). 19 Constitutional revolution on the
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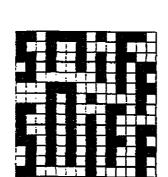
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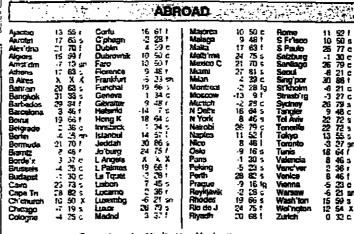


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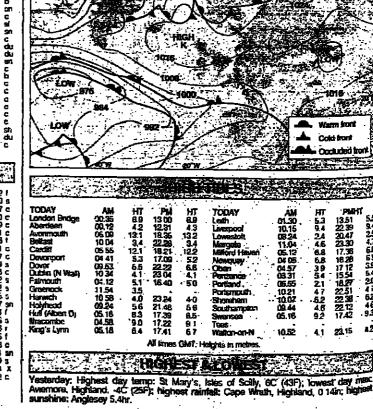
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Microsoft cracks international software piracy ring

MICROSOFT, the world's largest

Q&M Technology, a comparer company based in Surrey, and Multimicro Distribution, a software company based in Essex, had been named as part of the unauthorised software network which encompass-

mas. Microsoft says it has so far uncovered more than £100,000 worth of unanthorised software from the supply chain, and expects to seize

The supply chain was first uncovered by a complaint from a customer who had bought a copy of Microsoft Office from Q&M Software. Microsoft took issue with the company, which it found to be storing £20,000 worth of "grey

educational price in the US, then repackaged as new for the full-price retail market in the UK.

It then traced the software to

value of £77,000. Microsoft says that the software was repackaged en route, stripped of its educational badges and dressed to resemble high street packaging complete with

Q&M has agreed to surrender its holdings of the grey software, and pay undisclosed damages to Microsoft. Multimicro has agreed to pass over its stock, but it is still in negotiations with the company

ing director of Microsoft's UK software then office, said: "This is by far the largest illegal software scheme we have encountered. It shows that software theft is a global issue, and underlines our commit-

ment to combating it." The discovery comes as Microsoft tic alliance against software theft. It said it regarded the bulk of software theft as coming through internationsoftware smuggling market Mark Roberts, Microsoft's software theft manager, said: "We see that our ability to succeed in this

fight against software theft depends on being able to work with international agencies who can offer a global enforcement strategy." The company already runs a

hotline for people to report grey software and piracy. It offers rewards of up to £2,500 for informa-

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Record profits

Booming financial markets helped Morgan Stanley and Lehman Brothers to achieve record profits last year, in line with spectacular results from other Wall Street investment banks. Page 27

Record fees

Top law firms who advised on British takeovers during 1996 were paid record fees of about £300 million. Linklaters & Paines topped the latest league tables for lawvers working for banking teams and for companies. Page 30

BY FRASER NELSON

software company, has uncovered what it claims is the largest ring of smuggled computer programs ever to come to light, after investigating two British software distributors.

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Multimicro Distribution, where it found more consignments of the grey software. At the same time, Customs officers at Heathrow found a consignment of suspicious software bound for Multimicro, and passed it to Microsoft. It too was identified as grey software from the US. Two further consignments were seized at Heathrow, with a total

the company's logo laser-printed on a security sticker.

Neither company was available for

igned from Fast, Britain's domesal channels, and it was looking to

Lloyds poised to sell Mortgage **Express loanbook**

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

THE £1.6 billion loanbook of Mortgage Express, a home loans division of Lloyds TSB. is understood to be up for sale.

Possible buyers for the busiss include a Republic of Ireland bank or building society, a UK building society, or a foreign bank, wanting a foothold in the fast recovering UK

property market. Yesterday Lloyds TSB would not discuss the possible sale, saying that it did not comment on "market speculation"

Established in 1986 as a centralised lender, selling through intermediaries. specialises in loans for borrowers in negative equity. the self-employed and investors in residential property. It has continued to operate as a separate business within Lloyds TSB, despite the decision to bring the bank's

the C&G name. After an auspicious beginning the lender became a casualty of the collapse of house prices in the late 1980s. In 1991, it ceased to take new business after the disclosure that it was losing £I million a

Mortgage Express has now been revived as a lender for niche markets, such as contract workers. The view that Lloyds TSB would wish to dispose of Mortgage Express has been strengthened by the elevation to the Lloyds TSB board of

senior figure at another lender

said: "Mr Longhurst's ap-

pointment was the watershed

First National, a Republic of

Ireland building society which

last year acquired The Mort-

gage Corporation loan book.

said it was not interested in

Mortgage Express. The Bir-

Society which has, in the past

18 months, acquired the West-

ern Trust & Savings and

Hypo-MSL mortgage books,

also said it has no plans to bid

for the business, although a

for Morigage Express."

borrowers were in arrears.

There were unsucessful at-

tempts to sell the loanbook,

then valued at £3 billion.

Andrew Longhurst, C&G chief executive. He will be responsible for consumer finance, defining the bank's role in the mortgage market. A

Express now

week, and that 13 per cent of its

spokesman added that the society still remained "acquisitive".

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Treasury forecasts may go out to contract

By Janet Bush, economics editor

THE Treasury is to look into whether its key role as economic forecaster should be privatised but any decision will not be made until after the election.

In a move that a leading Civil Service trade union immediately described as bizarre and promised to oppose, the Treasury said that it will appoint a consultant by the end of this month to study whether it is feasible to con-

tract out forecasting. This study is expected to not be completed until early May. If it was decided the exercise had potential, the Treasury would ask for bids to

carry out the work. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had asked for economic forecasting to be subject to market test procedures by late 1996. Treasury officials admitted yesterday that the original timetable for this exercise had slipped and that any decision would have to be taken by the

next Government. Martin Weale, director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and a member of the Chancellors independent forecasting panel, said: "In some sense, the Treasury is ducking the decision but, given the prox-imity of the election, one could regard it as good manners that it has not made any irrevers-

Mr Weale, whose institute has had a far superior forecasting record to the Treasury's over the past two years, said it would almost definitely bid for the work if forecasting were to be contracted out.

He did not oppose the idea in principle. Under a Labour government, the independent forecasting panel could be turned into an American style Council of Economic Advisers and the forecasting now done by the Treasury could be taken ver by this council.

He also suggested that passing control of the economic

"forecast to an outside body might put an end to suspicions that the Treasury's forecast is tainted by political bias. Mr Weale cited Mr Clarke's November 1995 Budget forecast of 3 per cent growth. "We had the impression at the time that the Treasury didn't even believe the forecast and that the Treasury's forecast was designed to fit what the Chancelfor wanted." However, there was vehement criticism of the proposal yesterday from The Associ-

Servants. Jonathan Baume, FDA general secretary designate, said: "In effect, the Government is saying that the heart of the Treasury's work could be done by the private sector. Economic forecasting and monitoring is part of the core business of the Government and the idea that it could be done by unaccountable private firms is bizarre." He said: "The Government

should consider very seriously the implications of handing over such sensitive work to firms or organisations who are not bound by Civil Service rules on confidentiality and

political neutrality." The Treasury said that confidentiality is one of the issues that would be examined. It stressed that, if the consultant were to decide that contracting out were feasible, the current in-house Treasury team of 45 people would put forward a bid. The Treasury would provide the money to employ an external adviser to give the inhouse team the necessary management expertise to craft

a coherent bid. The functions that will be looked at for potential privatisation include the central forecast of the macro-economy, the forecasting and monitoring of the public finances and all the work used to make the necessary: economic assumptions for planning public spending.

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Savills soars to £3m at halfway stage

SAVILLS, the international property consultant, yesterday reported a 64 per cent jump in half-time profits to E3 million and raised the interim dividend to Ip (0.75p), payable on February 18 (Robert Miller writes).

The property firm, which saw earnings per share rise 57 per cent to 4.7p in the six months to October 31, forecast that residential property prices would increase 12 per cent this year compared with last year's 8.5 per cent. George Stead, the London estate agents acquired in November, will contribute to

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Lanica's rapid share price rise falters

a small deal to supply Lanica

THE miraculous rise and rise of Lanica Trust, whose shares climbed from £2 to over £20 in just two months, stalled yesterday when Littlewoods denied rumours that it plans to use Lanica as a vehicle for

listing its retail business.
The denial sent the narrowly held shares skittering £4 to £16.50. They later recovered in jerky afternoon trading to close

Littlewoods said there had been no talks of a major link with Lanica — run by Andrew Regan, a 31-year-old entrepren-eur — but they were discussing

for a mail order business with which it is involved. The business, Select Catalogues, is due to launch a mail order service for the armed forces. The rumourmongers had suggested something far more

with goods and infrastructure

dramatic: that privately owned Littlewoods, which is in talks with Sears about buying Freemans, wanted to reverse its mail order and high street retailing business into Lanica to gain a stock market listing.

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Former Barings chief challenges SFA ruling

BY ROBERT MILLER

RON BAKER, the former Barings executive cleared late last year on four out of five disciplinary charges brought against him by a City watchdog. yesterday lodged a notice of appeal against the one charge on which he

was found guilty. The Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, confirmed last night that Mr Baker is to appeal against his public reprimand and an order to pay £7.500 towards costs. A three-man independent appeals tribunal will now hear Mr Baker's case although the SFA will not appeal against any of the original tribunal's findings.

The SFA had proposed that Mr Baker, who joined the merchant bank in 1992, and Mary Walz, another

senior Barings executive, be banned from holding a senior position in the City for up to three years and pay some £10,000 towards the regulator's costs.

The SFA charges were brought in relation to their supervision of Nick Lesson, the rogue trader whose fraudulent dealings on the Far East money markets caused Barings to collapse with debts of £830 million aimost two years ago. Ms Walz, who tried unsuccessfully to sue Barings for her £500,000 bonus, reached a settlement with the SFA and will not therefore appeal against the similar penalties. Mr Baker, who is represented by Fox Williams, the law firm, maintains that he was brought in to supervise Leeson

just weeks before the merchant bank

crashed and had already begun to

question some of the trader's deals.

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Bookies win lottery tussle with Camelot

By Fraser Nelson

BOOKMAKERS have defeated an attempt by Camelot, operator of the National Lottery, to stifle 49s - a rival game launched three weeks ago.

The Crown Prosecution Service yesterday rejected claims by Camelot that the bookmakers lottery was breaking gaming laws by allowing fixed-odds bets on an event based on luck. It found that it was not a lottery as defined by law and therefore beyond the reaches of the National Lottery Act 1993.

Camelot said that it was considering whether to press for a judicial review. John Morgan, chairman of 49s, said he was delighted with the outcome. We did considerable research before we launched this, and were completely sure of our legal footing before starting

He added: "The bookmaking indus-

industry that has been forced to look after itself, and we have been creative

to keep the business alive and kicking The 49s game, broadcast to book makers' in-house televisions after the last race of the day, offers a fixed-odds bet on a lottery-style draw. While the maximum payout is £100,000, gamblers who correctly predict three balls can claim £511 on a £1 bet, as opposed to the £10 paid for three correct balls on the National Lottery.

Mr Morgan said: "The National

Lottery is a dream-ticket bet. We are not in that business. In my view, a £10 payout is a consolation prize."

Camelot plans to launch the midweek lottery draw on Wednesday. February 5.

try has lost 9 per cent of its sales since the National Lottery started, and we stand to lose even more when its midweek draw begins. We are an

Firms urged to spell out staff skills in reports

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH firms should put details of employees' skills and experience in their company balance sheets, personnel managers say today - claiming that the way people are managed can affect share prices.

Leaders of Britain's personnel managers are to press the Stock Exchange's inquiry into corporate governance, headed by Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman of ICI, to recommend that companies should publish annual statements

Trust for

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By ADAM JONES

independent role as mediator

Mrs Newell said: "I'm abso-

lutely delighted that we have

reached this point. Four-and-

a-half years ago, we could not imagine it being so

Announcing the closure, Peter Lilley, Social Security

Secretary, said: "This is a very

satisfactory outcome. I wish to

pay tribute to all the work of

the trustees, which was un-

paid, and to thank those who contributed to MPT funds "

Although the trust is viewed

as a success, some believe that

it enabled government bodies

to play down their own regula-

The total raised by the trust

which grew to £7 million

with interest - was also regar-

ded as disappointing by some insiders in the Maxwell clean-

up. However, one sceptic added: Even though it was a

relatively small amount of money, it was all that was needed to keep the pensions

Mrs Newell said the

amount raised compared

favourably with appeals for

causes such as the

will be paid to Clay and Part-ners, administrators of the two

funds still experiencing finan-cial difficulties. It will officially

The remaining £1.75 million

Hillsborough disaster.

before the settlement.

successful.

tory mistakes.

being paid.'

THE Maxwell Pensioners'

Trust, set up to support pension funds plundered by Rob-

The trust was created by the Government in 1992 after the theft of about £440 million

from several Maxwell com-

It raised to million in dona-

tions from companies and indi-

viduals, including some who

had dealt with Robert Max-

well. The money was released.

as interest-free loans or as pay-

ment for annuities, on a drip-

feed basis to affected funds and

individuals, ensuring that

32,000 pensioners received

In March 1995, the Maxwell

pension trustees agreed a

£276 million settlement pack-

age from the Mirror Group

and other institutions. It is now

thought that none of the affect-

ed pensioners should lose out

After the settlement, the

Maxwell Pensioners Unit. set

up in tandem with the trust to monitor progress towards a

Only a handful of staff from

the Department of Social Sec-

urity were employed by the two

bodies, working from offices in

The trust's chairman is Jane

Newell, one of four trustees.

She took over from Lord Cuck-

ney, formerly Sir John Cuck-

St James's Square, London,

settlement, was disbanded.

in the long term.

their expected payments.

pany funds was discovered.

ert Maxwell, is to close.

showing the link between people management and business objectives. In a report today, the Institute of Personnel and Development (IPD) says that while measuring the value of a company's people management strategies is difficult, it is possible and important.

John Stevens, IPD director of professional policy, says: "Investors make decisions on the health, effectiveness and prospects of companies knowing very little about the people strategies and practices adopted by those companies. This represents a huge gap in their understanding of those businesses." The IPD

says companies should ensure that annual reports include information on employment and skill levels, training, employee involvement, financial participation, job security, employability, promotion and recruitment.

Mr Stevens says: "To be successful, businesses need flexible, motivated and efficient people. It is time the City acknowledged that people are the most important asset and that the way they are managed can have a critical effect on shareholders' dividends."

The IPD's study, Investors' Views of People Management, suggests that the financial sector

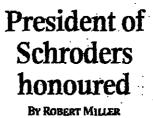
increasingly appreciates the link between wellmanaged employees and business success. The report draws on work done with companies such as BT, Kinglisher, GKN, Marks & Spencer, Kleinwort Benson, Unilever, Prudential, RJB, Glaxo Wellcome, BTR, British

Airways and MAM. But the study, carried out by City University, shows in an analysis of the annual reports and accounts of the top 50 FT-SE companies that training and development is mentioned by only 15, while many more - 24 in all - report on environmental issues.

President of **Schroders**

City of London". In tandem with Win Bischoff, chairman of

Mr Mallinckrodt, who grew up in France and Germany and became a director of Schroders in 1977, is also a non-executive director of Siemens and the Foreign & Colonial German Investment Trust.



president Schroders, the City's most successful independent investment bank, has been awarded an honorary knighthood

George Mallinckrodt, a German national who joined Schroders in New York in 1954 and was transferred to London in 1960, received his award from the Queen "in recognition of oustanding services rendered over many years to banking and finance in the

Schroders and a fellow German, Mr Mallinckrodt has presided over the transformation of the family owned bank into an international operation with more than 5,000 employees spread over 33 countries. It is also a member of the elite FT-SE 100 club with a market capitalisation of nearly £3 billion.



George Mallinckrodt has received an honorary knighthood for outstanding services

New car sales at seven-year high

SALES of new cars jumped through the two million mark last year to their highest level for seven years, but carmakers and traders said that private buyers remained cautious (Christine Buckley writes).

Figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show a 4.12 per cent

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (Continued)

rise in cars bought in 1996, compared with 2,025,450 in 1995. Ernie Thompson, chief executive, said: "The December figures end the year on a positive note with welcome signs of a return of the private buyer apparent in the last three months."

But the number of private

buyers increased only 2.3 per cent in 1996 and as a percentage of fell from 47 per cent in 1995 to 46 per cent last year. The society said that although the numbers of private

buvers had picked up in the last quarter this year could prove a tricky as uncertainty was triggered by the general

Eagle Star

offers

refunds

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

EAGLE STAR, the life and

general insurance arm of BAT

Industries, has launched the

first UK pension with a

money-back guarantee.

The policy, dismissed as "a gimmick" by Virgin, Eagle

Star's rival. pledges to reim-

burse customers who wish to

transfer to another pension

All fees and charges will be

refunded and the current market value of the pension trans-

ferred to another provider.

Customers will not be allowed

pects fewer than 5 per cent of

customers to take up the offer.

The new, simpler pension product will be available dir-

ect by telephone and is part of BAT Industries' drive to in-

crease its share of the financial

BAT may demerge its

financial services division and is believed to have

services market.

composite insurer.

to take a cash lump sum. However, Eagle Star ex-

provider within two years.

election. December's new car sales rose 9.23 per cent, compared with the same month in 1995, while private buyers in-creased 14 per cent. Last year's commercial vehicle sales were ahead of 1995's by 2.78 per cent to 256,869 although December showed a year-on-year drop of 5.49 per cent.

Advance of 22% at

Heiton FROM EILEEN McCabe

IN DUBLIN BUOYANCY in the Irish Republic's construction sector fuelled a 22 per cent improvement in interim pre-tax profits to IrE4.7 million at Heiton Holdings, one of the country's leading builders' supplies

groups. The company said that earnings per share for the six months to October 31 were up 21 per cent to Irb.47p.

Overall group turnover for the period was up 8 per cent to almost IrE72 million, with the builders' merchant and steel division performing particu-

larly well Atlantic Homecare, the group's do-it-yourself division, recorded a 5 per cent increase in turnover.

Operating margins at 6.8 per cent of turnover for the six months were up from 6.3 per cent for the comparable period

The company declared a 21 discussed selling part of it to Commercial Union, the per cent increase in the interim dividend to Irl.65p, payable on April 7.

Rival to KKR to unveil \$1bn deal

By Eric Reguly

THE former president of US West International, one of the largest players in the British cable and media industry, launched an investment fund yesterday and is to announce his first deal, worth more than \$1 billion, this month. Richard Callahan, 55, who

ran US West in London until last spring, said the investment will be in the entertainment sector in continental Europe: "It'll be a big one and we have

two more in the queue." The deal will be made by Callahan Associates (CAI), a financial group formed to acquire and develop projects in communications, entertainment and mobile-phone networks around the world.

Mr Callahan said CAI will be like Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the leveraged buyout firm that controls Newsquest, the UK newspaper company that bought Westminster Press last year. It will have a core of investors, such as pension funds and securities houses. recruiting others on a deal-bydeal basis. Returns will come from selling or floating companies a few years after the initial investment.

CAI's executives include David Colley, managing director of Videotron, the cable company, who will run CAI's London office, and Arthur Barron, former chairman of Time Warner International. CAI intends to make several billion dollars of equity investments in the next five years. Mr Callahan said it will evaluate the cable operations of KPN.

the Dutch telecoms and postal

group, which are for sale.

Scott Pickford torn between bidders

SCOTT PICKFORD, the geological consultancy, was poised between two bidders yesterday after Core Laboratories, the US geographical company, won the board's approval for a provisional £6.67 million takeover offer. However, Don Scott, Pickford's founder and chairman, has personally rejected the offer and pledged his support to the £6.05 million bid that Aerodata, an

Australian geological consultancy, is poised to make.

Mr Scott said the board had approved Core Laboratories. offer from a financial perspective only, adding: "Whether Core Lab's offer would be good for the company is another matter." Aerodata's offer is also being supported by Tony Woodliffe and Gabriel Simonian, the two other directors who are siding with Mr Scott in the 3-3 boardroom split. The developments come a day before Pickford activates its share swap with Aerodata, which from tomorrow will leave the Australian firm controlling 33.1 per cent of the company.

Bespak shares surge

SHARES in Bespak continued their strong recovery, jumping 46½p to 527½p, as the asthma inhaler maker reported a 43 per cent rise in first-half profits. In the 26 weeks to November 1, they rose from £3.5 million to £5 million on sales 10 per cent higher at £39.5 million. Bespak was helped by a hig rise in the sales of Accuhaler, the dry powder inhaler it makes for Glaxo Wellcome. Sales of Accuhaler reached £4.5 million, causing Bespak UK's sales of drug delivery devices to almost double to £7.5 million. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 4.62p, to be paid on February 21.

Salvage firm held back

UNIVERSAL SALVAGE, the UK's largest contract motor salvage company, said growth was being held back by the shortage of suitable storage and auction sites, particularly in the South of England. Cliff Bassett, chairman, said the volume of vehicles handled by the company had grown strongly. But the lack of suitable sites meant a higher number of vehicles were auctioned through existing sites, attended by a relatively stable number of bidders. As a result, prices achieved at auction had fallen. Margins were also adversely affected by the adoption of a new code of practice from the Association of British Insurers.

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US factory orders fall

NEW orders to factories in America fell in November, the Commerce Department said yesterday, partially reversing a strong showing in October. Orders fell 0.4 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$320.5 billion, after rising a revised 1.1 per cent in October. But shipments of finished products and order backlogs continued to rise, the department said, suggesting some underlying strength in the industrial sector toward the end of last year. The department said shipments rose 0.9 per cent while both unfilled orders and inventories were up 0.4 per cent.

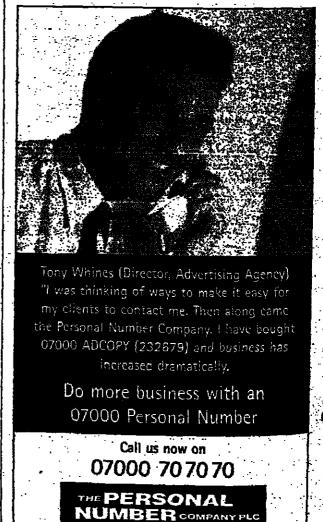
Payout alert by Union

SHARES in Union fell 12 p, to 81p, yesterday after the financial services and trading group said that it did not expect to pay a final dividend for 1996 and was considering its future direction. The company said that the decision was related to the need to write off advance corporation tax, which it had expected to carry forward. The company also reported delays to a project to sell tax-sheltered software-related products in Canada. Union said that the Bank of England's decision to widen the range of participants in its money market dealings "will have a significant impact on the group's future".

Newmont raises offer

NEWMONT MINING has raised its unsolicited takeover hid for Santa Fe Pacific Gold to \$16.50 per share, or \$2.2 billion, in an attempt to derail the company's proposed merger with Homestake Mining Co. Santa Fe agreed in early December to be acquired by Homestake in a stock deal then valued at \$17.42 per share, or \$2.3 billion. Based on Homestake's \$13.50 price yesterday its bid of 1.115 of its shares for each Santa Fe share would be worth \$2 billion. The latest Newmont offer, of 0.40 of a Newmont share for each Santa Fe share, compares with the initial offer of 0.33 of a share.

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The following rates are effective from 13 January 1997

MORTGAGES*	Per Annum	APR
Standard Variable Rate	7.25%	7.5%
Large Advance Rate		
£50,000+	7.15%	7.4%
£100,000+	6.99%	7.2%
Equity Release Loan		
First Charge	7.25%	7.4%
Second Charge	9.25%	10.1%
Mortgages no longer sold	Per Annum	APR
Home Loan Rate	7.25%	7.5%
Home Improvement Loan Rate	9.25%	9.5%
Loans sanctioned before 26/4/89		
House Mortgage Rate	7.25%	7.4%

TESSA	6.5% Tax Free				
Exchequer			Annual I	Interest	
90 Day Notice			Gross %	Net %	
£100,000+	5.37	4.29	5.75	4.60	
£50,000+	4.89	3.91	5.25	4.20	
£25,000+	4.65	3.72	5.00	4.00	
£10,000+	4.17	3.33	4.35	3.48	
£5.000+	3.69	2.95	4.00	3.20	

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30 Day Notice	Gross %	Net %	Gross %	Net %	
£100,000+	5.13	4.10	5.50	4.40	
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£25,000+	4.41	3.52	4.75	3.80	
£10,000+	3.93	3.14	4.25	3.40	
£5,000+	3.45	2.76	3.75	3.00	
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£10,000+		3.69	1	2.95	
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£5,000+		3.23	}	2.58	
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Up to £ 500		2.00		1.60	
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£25,000+		2.74		2.19	
£10,000+		2.00		1.60	
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Livecast		2.72	%	2.17%	



lorigage rates for new borrowers were effective from 23 December 1996. Gross: The rate celors the deduction of tax applied to est on savings. Not. The rate after the deduction of tax applied to interest on savings. Tax Free: Tax free means that the interest is free of tax applied to interest on savings. All carnings interest rates are quotes per annum

Midland Bank ptc, 27 Poultry, London EC2 25%

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☐ THE idea that the £100,000

house you live in might be worth £150,000 in three years, or that

your £200,000 home could be

First, the forecast Savills expects homes to rise by 12 per cent this year, a fair view whatever

the result of the election because

than a third since 1989, and the

level of affordability of houses at

present. The first ratio is low, the

second high. A study just before

RESS ROUNDIN ett Pickford ton tween bidders

spak shares surge

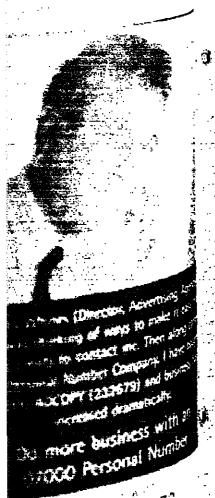
Labour's stance on interest rates will be little different from that of the Tories. House price infla-tion will then increase to 15 per cent in 1998 and 18 per cent in 1999, representing close to a 50 per cent compound rise. Savills is basing its arguments on the historic relationship between earnings and residential prices, which have fallen by more

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☐ Savills sees return of housing party ☐ Surprise, surprise — the Barings affair drags on ☐ Hacker demands instant action

Home ideal drives market

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worth £300,000, might seem cause for celebration. The excesses of the property market during the 1980s were no fun at Christmas by UBS, the stockall if you only arrived at the party broker, came to the same concluin 1989. Rather different if you sion, except that UBS saw prices were there for the entire decade. up by 46 per cent from 1996 to end-2000, using slightly different methodology. Here, are three Wise heads will shake, and worry about a return to 1980s property madness. Wiser heads reasons for supposing both are might recall that housing market right, in spirit, if not in detail, forecasters are generally wrong, in one direction or another. Yet The rise over three years might not be 50 per cent — that might take five years, or seven, or eight. there are arguments to support the prediction by Savills of a 50 The distinction is an academic per cent increase, nominal, in one, if you have any exposure to house prices by the end of the

the housing market.

Affordability. Here, UBS added an extra component to the mix. People do not tend to take out mortgages that they cannot afford; they can afford it until higher interest rates or deteriorating personal finances put it beyond reach. UBS assumes a low interest rate environment going forward, and few authori-ties expect mortgage rates to hin double figures again. In such an pared to commit more of their earnings to house purchases, and lenders can be more innovative in the packages that they offer to smooth out future payments.

☐ Scarcity, The Government ex-

created by demographics alone over the next two decades. However, builders will continue to be blocked from putting up homes where people wish to live. There can be only one effect on homes lucky enough to be in such areas. ☐ The trickle-down effect. By the year 2010, most of the children of those who bought homes in the late 1940s and early 1950s will have inherited. The key question is how much of that free capital will go towards a new home, given that they are of an age group that may already owns a big enough house, or towards one for their offspring — or on pensions and other higher living costs, such as medical expenses. Any diversion into the property market, however, will react with

the scarcity noted above. Here is one proviso. The housing boom noted by Savills and others is highly selective. The UK has always been a collection of individual housing markets. Demographics - the desire of an ageing population or one now raising children to live in a low-crime environment with good local schools - will inpects 4.4 million households to be crease the disparity in prices PENNINGTON



between areas, however close they are on the map. This is already happening. Not every-one will be invited to the housing party of the decade.

But try this one test, for which Pennington is indebted to Savills. Do you live in your ideal home? Do any of your contem-poraries? Nothing drives markets harder than aspirations that suddenly become affordable.

SFA feeling the draught

THE disciplinary actions of the Securities and Futures Authority after the Barings affair are dragging on so long that they are mainly of relevance to debate about the structure of City regulation. Presumably investment banks and their customers have by now made their own judgments about the desirability of employing at vast expense those who failed to stop the fraudulent young man who was 'earning" their bonuses.

The junior culprit languishes in Changi jail. There is still an atavistic feeling that more heads should be severed over an affair that led not merely to the financial collapse of Barings but also extinguished most the the rest of Britain's leading independent merchant banks. Like other City regulators, the

SFA is better geared to dealing with naughtiness than with incompetence, moral cowardice or sins of omission. The long, sad, expensive tale of the SFA's attempts to pursue cases to its own tribunal against those who did not volunteer to be punished suggests that its procedures sit in a draughty halfway house. It lies somewhere between the rough justice offered by practitioner-regulated professional bodies or by the Bank of England, and the more fearful if random majesty of the English criminal law or America's Securities and Exchange Commission. No prizes for guessing which way the political wind is blowing.

Forceful marketing, Sir Humphrey

☐ THE scene is the Department of Administrative Affairs. Jim Hacker, Secretary of State, is grilling his civil servants about progress towards privatising the Treasury's economic forecasts: Hacker: Ah, Sir Humphrey. We agreed that market forces had to be introduced to the Treasury within two years. Why the delay? Sir Humphrey: The progress towards assessing the feasibility of contracting with a service provider to undertake the central economic forecast of macroeconomic aggregates, the forecasting and monitoring of public finances, the work underpinning recommendations about the economic assumptions for public expenditure planning and the regular assessment of outturn economic data against the forecast has been unable to be expedited without third party input into the advice and consultation process,

Hacker: I'm sorry? Bernard Woolley: He means we 30f a consultant in to help us. Hacker: I see. But any decision will arrive just before the elec-

tion. Even if we win, they might still decide it isn't worth it. It's hardly the firm implementation of a policy decision, is it? Sir Humphrey: If, in the light of the consultant's report, Minister, a market test is confirmed as feasible, potential service providers would be invited to make

bids, and Treasury staff would

be able to mount an in-house bid

with the help of internallyfunded external advisers. Hacker: So we're going to save money by paying our own staff to mount a bid to save their jobs? Sir Humphrey: Yes, Minister.

Regan-omics

☐ FORGET houses — for a straight rerun of the late 1980s, look at the nonsense surrounding Lanica, the investment shell, run by Andrew Regan, that sounds like a handcream. Whizkids, like policemen, seem to get younger; perhaps we need a new stock market measure here. Mr Regan sells on a multiple of 1.18. This is the price his company

Morgan and Lehman soar to record profits

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BOOMING financial markets its top ranking in global helped Morgan Stanley and Lehman Brothers to achieve record profits last year, in line with spectacular results reported by other Wall Street investment banks.

Morgan Stanley's profits leapt by 43 per cent to break through \$1 billion for the first time at \$1.02 billion for the year to November 30. Investment banking, the firm's main area of activity, performed strongly, with a 34 per cent increase in revenues, to \$1.9

Investment banking revenues of \$572 million in the fourth quarter surpassed the previous quarterly record of \$542 million, set in the second

mergers and acquisitions for the second year running. Trading revenues and revenues from investment management also increased substantially during the year.

Net income for the fourth quarter, to November 30, was up by 26 per cent, at \$236 million, and 8 per cent ahead of the third quarter of fiscal 1996.

The rising stock market and hectic takeover activity in the United States last year gave many banks windfall

profits and have pushed annual bonuses to unprece-dented levels. Shortly before Christmas, Goldman Sachs announced that its 1996 profbank said that it had retained bumper year of 1993, and

worth more than \$98 billion. The bank said that part of the jump in profits was attributable to heavy cost-cutting, which has substantially reduced recurring expenses. During the fourth quarter, the firm pulled out of several less profitable markets, including precious metals, around the world and energy trading in the US and Europe.

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other banks have unveiled

Lehman reported full-year prefits of \$416 million, an

increase of 84 per cent from

the \$253 million profit in 1995.

In spite of a \$50 million charge

cost-cutting, the firm enjoyed a

121 per cent rise in its earnings

in the fourth quarter, to Nov-

ember 30, to \$177 million. Richard Fuld, chairman and

chief executive, said that it had been by far the best final

quarter since the bank went

Lehman said that all of its

main businesses, including

fixed income, equity and in-

vestment banking, produced strong profits. It ranked third

underwriters of debt and equi-

ty issues, and advised on

equally impressive profits.

It also concentrated its foreign exchange activities into fewer offices and consoldiated its risk management activities in Asia into its Tokyo office. Together, these rationalisations, which included substantial job losses, required a one-off charge of \$50 million.



Francis Mackay, left, and Roger Matthews, finance director, get first refusal

Sales boost for beleaguered **Lloyds Chemists**

LLOYDS CHEMISTS yesterday reported higher sales in all its divisions in the last three months of 1996, but said that profits were still being hit by the prolonged bid battle be-tween UniChem and Gehe for the company.

Allen Lloyd, chairman of Lloyds Chemists, said that the company will write to shareholders shortly after offers from Gene and January 17 to recommend UniChem. Retaining key whether to accept Gene's staff had been costly, it said. whether to accept Gehe's cash offer or UniChem's cash and shares offer. Jannary 17 is the last date on which either offer may be

increased.

Sales in the three months to the end of December, the second quarter of its financial year, were up 8.9 per cent. In the first half sales were 8.5 per cent ahead. Holland & Barrett, the health food chain, had like-forlike sales 5.8 per cent higher in the quarter. Pharmaceutical sales were 12.1 per cent ahead, chemists sales up 3.5 per cent and health and beauty

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

THE rogue trader jailed in America for

losing Daiwa bank \$1.1 billion in a

bond-dealing scandal gives a damning account in a book of incompetence by

US and Japanese regulators and dis-

In The Confession, written in jail.

Toshihide Iguchi says losses from un-

authorised trading would have come to light much earlier but for carelessness

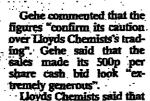
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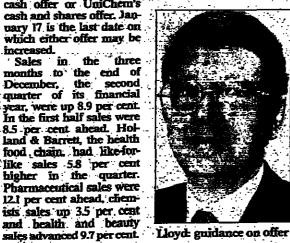
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nonesty by his former employer.

IN NEW YORK



the pharmaceutical division had faced the greatest challenge from the uncertainty surrounding the competing



Fed which prides itself on the strictness

of its regulation of banks, and to the

Finance Ministry. It may also damage

Daiwa in ongoing court cases with US

He describes Daiwa filling a New

York office that had not been authoris-

ed with cardboard boxes in 1992 to fool

Fed officials into thinking it was not a

trading room. The Fed examination

which was supposed to take two days

lasted 15 minutes and the examiners

did not spot the ruse. Although the Fed

later discovered it, it still failed to find

out about Iguchi's mounting losses.

authorities over its role in the affair.

return from suspension

Wickes shares plunge on

SHARES in Wickes, the DIY retailer whose former managers are under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, closed yesterday at less than half their recalculated price. The shares, which have been through a ten-for-one consolidation and a rights issue at 150p, began trading again yesterday after being suspended six months ago, and closed at 1962p. They were suspended at 682p in

June, after serious accounting irregularities were uncovered

Jailed Daiwa trader pens critical book

office. His account will embarrass the with the Fed, the ministry sent officials

By Sarah Cunningham in its buying department. But that price was yesterday recal-culated by the Stock Exchange taking into account the capital reconstruction - to

stand at 4172 p.
Analysts said the premium to the rights issue price was because of speculation that another company - probably Kingfisher's B&Q or RMC's Great Mills - intends to bid for Wickes. However, no bidders came forward yesterday and John Richards, analyst with NatWest Markets, said

on what was supposed to be a week-

long investigation. Iguchi feared he

would be found out. However, the off-

icials spent just an hour at Daiwa's

midtown office chatting with top execu-

rives and failed to visit the Wall Street

office. Instead they went to Las Vegas.

racking up one of the biggest dealing

losses on record over a decade as a

bond dealer in Daiwa's New York

office. He undertook hundreds of

unauthorised trades and then con-

spired to cover them up. He admitted

to the losses in 1995 and was sentenced

iguchi does not deny his role in

that neither Kingfisher nor RMC are likely to want to pay a high price for the business. Other analysts said that potential bidders might be deterred by the confusion the repeated over-statement of profits caused to Wickes's accounts.

The alternative for Wickes is to try to carry on independently, in which case analysts are predicting a modest profit for next year.

authorities from trading in America. Daiwa claims that it only learnt of the

loss when Iguchi admitted to it in July

1995. It then informed the Finance

Ministry which did not warn US auth-

orities for six weeks, a failure which

Iguchi, however, says he held meet-

ings with senior Daiwa executives to

discuss how to hide the losses from US

regulators. The executives considered

transferring the loss to an offshore

shell company in the Cayman Islands.

According to his account, Daiwa not

only knew about his unauthorised

trades but was willing to mislead the

banking regulators. Iguchi's book will be published next Tuesday.

infuriated the Fed.

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Compass in French catering deal

By Alasdair Murray

COMPASS GROUP, the catering company, has secured a co-operation agreement with Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the French conglomerate, which ensures it has first refusal over catering contracts for Générale's 220,000 em-ployees worldwide. As part of the deal, Com-

pass is paying £28 million for part of Générale's stake in Compagnie Générale de Restauration, its catering associate. After the deal, Compass will own an 11.7 per cent stake in the catering company, with Générale continuing to own 27 per cent.

Générale, which has UK interests in healthcare and water companies, has already announced it will sell the rest of its stake in the catering company. Compass said it had not signed a binding agreement to buy the rest of the stake, although it would be in a position to influence its sale. Générale de Restauration's management owns a majority stake in the company and has no immediate

Francis Mackay, Compass chief executive, said the deal would strengthen the company's position in the French market, which is the second largest market in Europe.

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Autolink wins £370m Scottish road contract

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

SCOTLAND'S first roadbuilding project to be carried out under the Private Finance Initiative has been awarded to £370 million deal.

After a two-year bidding battle, the Scottish Office has given the contract to design, build, finance and operate a motorway linking the M6 at Carlisle with the A74 at Millbank, south of Glasgow, to Autolink Concessionaires, a company equally owned by Amey, Sir Robert McAlpine and Taylor Woodrow Construction Holdings.

Although the Scottish Office has completed a number of construction deals under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), the Government's drive to involve private enterprise in public infrastructure projects, this is the first road-building contract. In common with other PFI schemes, there were long periods of bidding and tendering.

Two other big road-building contracts under the PFI are on the agenda in Scotland - for additions to the M8 and the M80, although a route for the M80 has yet to be agreed.

The operating cost of £370 million of the venture announced yesterday will run over the contract's 30-year

period. Work will start on the 75-mile stretch of road in spring. It is due to be completed by the next century. New works in the project, including completion of the new part of the M6 and upgrading part of the A74 will account for £200 million of the £370 million.

Arney, the facilities management and construction group, said that the contract will underpin its civil engineering division. Neil Ashley, chairman, said: "These contracts substantially secure our civil engineering workload for the next two years and also give us valuable long-term facilities management and maintenance business.

Babtie Group and Gibb will be design consultants for this first major road development in Scotland in recent years. Morgan Stanley will be the financial adviser. Ashurst Morris Crisp will handle legal work.

The Autolink grouping has was last year awarded a £330 million AI9 contract. Amey and Sir Robert McAlpine are also involved in the Croydon Tramlink scheme, which started construction this week.

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to cover up the losses and other regula. When Daiwa reported to the Finance in December to four years in prison tory transgressions in its New York. Ministry that it was having problems while Daiwa was banned by the US



Freezing weather raises temperature in oil sector

tions on both sides of the Atlantic have succeeded in focusing investor attention back on the oil sector.

As demand for energy increases, so the price of crude oil on world markets continues to rise. Yesterday the price of Brent crude for February delivery was again creeping higher, with dealers forecasting it will soon pass the \$26.80 a barrel seen in December. They are confident that prices may stay high for some time. "It is unlikely that the price will drop back below \$20 a barrel this year", was the comment of a leading broker. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, was happy to recommend the sector to clients. Top of its shopping list is Enterprise Oil, up 4p at 639p, and BP, 912p higher at 69112p. Gulf Canada's £472 million bid for Clyde Petroleum. 12p firmer at 117'2p, has also helped to focus support back on the second-line explorers. Lasmo rose op to 23212p. Aviva Petroleum 2p to 3312p.

and British Borneo 50p to The rest of the equity market was unsettled by continuing worries about interest rates and the impact of a strong pound on the big dollar earners. An early opening fall by the Dow Jones industrial average and US Treasury bonds also took their toll on sentiment in London as the market dropped back through the 4,100 level.

After a hesitant start, the FT-SE 100 index continued drifting throughout the day before closing just above its worst with a fall of 27.7 at 4.078.8. Turnover was swollen by bouts of profit-taking with a total of 756 million shares

changing hands.
Of the big overseas earners Glaxo Wellcome shed 18p at 913p. Grand Metropolitan 512p at 444p. Unilever 12p at £13.90½. Reuters lop at 73212p, and BAT Industries 7p at 482¹₂p.

Rediand was another casualty, falling 140 to a new low of 34512p. Not only has it been rattled by talk of a slowdown in economic growth in its biggest market, Germany, but could also see it lose its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies.

Shares of Wickes returned to market after being suspended for seven months after the discovery of irregularities in



Peter Chambré, left, and Robert Preece of Bespak, up 4612p

accounting procedures. It was requoted at 41712p after a onetor-ten consolidation and a heavily discounted rights issue at 150p. The price opened at 20312p and closed at the low for the day of 19612p, with

three million shares moving. Speculation has it that one of the big DIY groups such as Kingfisher, down 412p at

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Newcomer GB Railways

continued to go from strength to strength with the price finishing 32p better at 24212p

Recent flyer Lanica Trust came in for profit-taking, touching £16.50 before finish-

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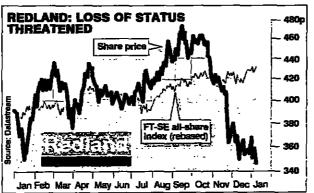
with current ratings offering scope for improvement, especially after yesterday's falls. Top of its list is Scottish & Newcastle. down 512p at 661p, Whitbread, 712p lower at 76812p, Bass 1512p off at 808p and Marston Thompson, 12p easier at 2582p.

er of Great Mills, make an offer for the company. RMC finished 22p lower at 976¹2p.

The banks continued to make headway on the back of several broker recommendations ahead of the dividend reporting season.

National Westminster rose 412p to 71012p, while Bardays added a further 9p at £10.1512. Elsewhere in financials Legal & General hardened 212p at pools group, has denied City speculation it intends to reverse its retailing activities into Lanica. The two sides are in talks but this centres on Lanica's contract with Naafi, suppliers for the armed forces.

The launch last year of three new generic respiratory drugs in the US means business is booming at Bespak, up 4612p at 52712p. The group, where Peter Chambre is chief execu-



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Eyecare Products re-mained steady at 13p as Andre Cohen, chairman, took advantage of the recent weakness in price to spend almost E20,000 acquiring his first stake in the company. The group recently warned the market that profits for 1996 would fall below £1 million. That compared with City forecasts of around £3.2 million.

UK Estates closed unchanged at 270 as the battle of words with Ashquay Group intensified. Ashquay said the UK board no longer deserved the support of its shareholders following its mismanagement and disregard for shareholders interests. Ashquay, unmoved at 38½p, has bid £21 million. The bid closes on

Monday. Savills, the estate agent, followed up this week's report that it expects to see house prices surge by 50 per cent during the next three years with a bumper set of first-half results. Pre-tax profits soared 64 per cent to £3 million with the group again highlighting buoyant market conditions. The shares firmed 2p to 10112p. The group's achievements rubbed off on Hambro Countrywide, up 3p at 10412p. An upbeat trading statement lifted Finelist 15p to

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NEW YORK: Shares suffered broad losses as rising interest rates took their toll. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 38.10 points lower at 6,529.08.

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ment to buy the shares.

PRIVATE motorways make little economic sense for the taxpayer. But they might make money for private investors. As the ultimate risk-free borrower, the government enjoys the cheapest interest rates in the land. Why, then, should taxpayers pay tolls on a private road when the government can build one cheaply using builders desperate for business?

The simple reason is that government borrowing levels are too high and, by paying tolls over 20-30 years, the cost is deferred to future governments. Unfortunately such cute accounting and several PFI investment funds has yet to generate a ribbon of privatised highways in Britain. The problem is risk: government theorists assumed that every potential pitfall could be priced by the market. But, in practice, companies refused to bear planning risk and wanted minimum guaranteed traffic levels. Without such comfort, the brave buccaneering private sector would not step into the road.

Having learnt its lesson, the government backed down and Amey reckons the M6 contract for the Scottish Office should generate a 15 per cent yield on equity. The minimum toli level is enough for the project to wash its face and service a debt issue for an all-up cost of 75 to 100 basis points over the 20-year gilt. But the real money to be made is over the longer term. Amey and its partners must build this road at lower than expected cost and be able to pocket the savings. With equity in the project, Amey has every incentive to build cheaply. For the taxpayer, it is not all gloom. Successful road operators linked to watertight contracts may be better at repairing roads than a cashstrapped government.

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mainly in France where

Compass is relatively weak.

Compass shares have per-

formed strongly over the

past year and are now priced

at a less than bargain 20

times prospective earnings.

But the company looks more

Compass

COMPASS GROUP wants to make more money, especially in continental Europe. To boost its margins, it is chasing a bigger share of the catering market and yesterday's cleverly structured deal with Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the French conglomerate, should push it

further along the road. Compass is gaining first refusal on all Compagnie Générale des Eaux catering contracts. Générale employs about 220,000 workers in 2,000 companies around the world. While the value of the contract is not disclosed, its sheer scale will ensure that it

is highly lucrative. Meanwhile, Compass has taken an 11.7 per cent stake in Générale's associate catering company, Compagnie Générale de Restauration. Générale is expected to sell

than capable of continuing choose to sell out, Compass to justify its high price. will probably have first op-FRENCH COOKING

Wickes

WICKES shares bounced back yesterday after six months of suspension. The price needs to be put in context, however, because of the consolidation and issue of newshares. Suspended at 68½ p in June, the restated price is 4172p. However, the shares closed yesterday at 196½p — an indication of Wickes's fallfrom grace. The wonder is that they remained above the 150p rights issue price.

The market hopes that someone might bid for Wickes, but nothing has yet been heard from Kingfisher's B&Q or from RMC's Great Mills, the two most likely bidders. Nor is there any would pay a premium. Wickes's business is at the heavy end of DIY, with a large proportion of sales to builder's merchants, and it is hard to see it as a natural fit with Kinglisher's B&Q.

might make a better home

but that industry is in the his boss out the door just be-doldrums, slow to catch up fore the Christmas break. with the improved housing market. Of course, buyers may be leigning indifference, waiting for the Wickes share price to fall. Yet, the danger is that they will leave Wickes on the shelf. In either case, the shares look pricey.

Proteus

SHARES in Proteus International, the biotech company that last year escaped liquidation by the skin of its teeth, have slumped to a new low of 32p. Six weeks ago, its brokers issued an upbeat assessment entitled Proteus Reborn, but investors are struggling to detect a pulse. ,

rescued (courtesy of ML Lab-oratories' Kevin Leech) when it lost its chief executive, midwife to the alleged rebirth. Having briefly perked up to 84p in June, the shares resumed their usual slide. The company's business and devProteus has resolved to do without a chief executive for the time being.

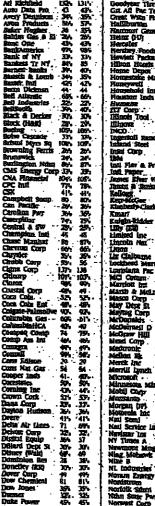
its most promising product, a prostate cancer drug, is now in the hands of ML Labs. Despite being among the first biotechnology firms to reach the stock market, Proteus's longer term prospects are largely back to square one — working on the computer-aided design of small molecules.

Next week's results are unlikely to bring any joy to this dismal tale. Unexpected difficulties were encountered in recruiting patients for the latest tests of the prostate cancer drug. In a refrain that Pro-

sults will be delayed. The beefed-up scientific team at Proteus insists it is brimming with enthusiasm. That has long ceased to be exasperating company.

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Hansen kicks off for Singer

HAVING .outgrown 'the

football pitch, hunky Alam Hansen is heading for the investment world. The for-mer Scottish and Liver-

pool captain, who boasts a

Latin A level, has struck a

deal with Singer & Fried-

lander. However, the

Match of the Day commentator who puts Gary Lineker in the shade, will

have to toughen up if he

wants to succeed in the

City. Recently in London

for a session with his new

business partners, Hansen

brought the meeting to a

rather abrupt close. He

wanted to get back to his family in Southport — the hipster had a date with his

15-year-old daughter ...

two tickets for the Boyzone

HOWARD DAVIES is ob-

viously working too hard

these days. Speaking at yesterday's Oxford Farm-

ing Conference, the Depu-

ty Governor of the Bank of England admitted that he

eleaned much of his know-

ledge on the common agri-

cultural policy from listening to The Archers.

"Relying on that source, I

am not as well-informed as

I used to be since The

Archers is now mainly

about those other tradi-

tional country pursuits -sex, drugs, and violence,"

he said, adding that, ac-cording to the show, David

Archer was in the audi-

ence. Too bad Davies,

well-informed listeners

will know that Ruth Ar-

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concert.

"People say prices will be much better later"

Gilmour's menu

PATRONS of Christo pher's restaurant are being forced to eat in the groundfloor cafe while the Covent Garden watering hole is undergoing a £250,000 make over. Christopher Gilmour, the owner and son of Lord Gilmour, a former Secretary of State for Defence, hopes to have doubled the size of the restaurant by Easter. The top two levels will be more expensive, while the basement is being converted to a café/bar. "It will be more plush, but still with an American slant," says Gilmour Could this be in anticipation of a Stock

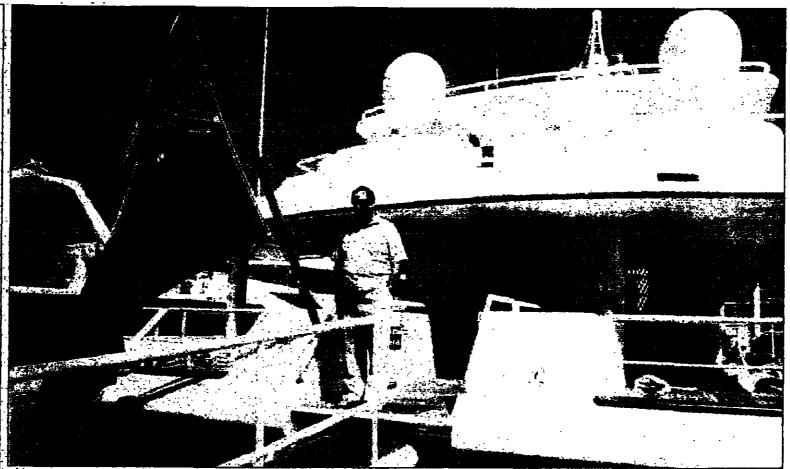
Branson bets

Market listing?

THOSE charitable players at City Index, the sports and financial bookmaker, have opened betting on the number of days Richard Branson will stay in the air. To thank Branson in their "own small way".

— for administering to their complaints last year after a miserable trip back from the Kong Sevens rugby tournament, all profits will be sent to The Global Challenge's nominated charity. City Index's market opened at 13 to 15: days. There were some big sellers, so faith isn't high," said a spokesman."

ARCHIE NORMAN does not appear to be putting up a strong fight against accusations that he is looking forward to his new role as a politician in order to enjoy more holi-day. After setting off for a business meeting in Scotland yesterday. Norman was forced to cut it short. saying he had flu and needed to go home to bed.



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Robert Maxwell aboard Lady Ghislaine on which he made his last ill-fated voyage. His death sourced the demand for keyman insurance

Protection for high-flyers is a policy that makes good sense

skies yesterday aboard the Virgin Global Challenger balloon in his attempt to circumnavigate the world, Richard Branson left behind a business burdened with a £150,000 keyman insur-

If disaster does strike on the 18-day flight Virgin will receive £30 million to compensate for his loss and to fund the

search for a replacement. Adventurous business leaders like Mr Branson underline dramatically the need for companies to insure themselves against the risk of losing their high-flyers. Keyman insurance policies pay out a lump sum to businesses in much the same way that a life insurance policy pays out to families when a breadwinner dies. The level of premium depends on the sum assured and the age and health of the

David Stirling, director at Crispin Speers & Partners, the specialist Lloyd's broker, says: "Although it sounds simple, keyman insurance is in fact a broad area with many different variations: It is useful to compare it with motor insurance, which varies according to the different speeds of cars, different drivers and whether or not they are kept in a garage."

Keyman insurance started in the US, but really began to take off in this country in the wake of Robert Max-well's death, which devastated his Maxwell Communication Corporation empire. The recent death of Matthew Harding chairman of the Benfield insurance group and vice chairman of the Chelsea Football Club, has shown how sensible companies will always prepare for the worst. Mr Harding was insured for £30 million. And, indeed, it is his company that is sponsoring Mr Branson's challenge.

Gavin Lumsden on the safety net offered to many businesses by keyman insurance

For those

smaller

companies that

do take out the

lifesaver

Virgin is unusual for a large company in its need for keyman insurance. Most of the demand comes from smaller companies. Many blue chips such as British Gas feel that they are robust enough to survive the unexpect-

ed demise of a director. Given the fate of Mr Harding, who was killed when his helicopter crashed when he was returning from a football match, it is not surprising that many small companies seek to restrain the exuberance of their bosses. Cariton Cushnie, managing director of Ver-sailles Group, the trade financier, who is insured for £5 mil-

lion, was prevented from flying a Rus-sian MIG fighter last year. The board refused to let me go saying that I wouldn't be covered to fly such a powerful plane under the keyman policy." Andrew Cook,

chairman and chief

Cook, the Sheffield engineering firm, has been insured for £5 million since 1986 when the com-pany acquired Weir Foundries. The policy, which costs William Cook a £25,000 annual premium, is actually a condition of their lending bank. Mr Cook says: "All it means is if I get run over by a bus the company will get paid a lot of money. I can't do dangerous sports or bungee jumping or other stupid activities — it so happens that it's not my disposition so I don't mind."

Some companies feel they have outgrown the need for keyman insurance. DBS Management, the Huddersfield-based financial services company which floated on AIM last year, is a case in point. Although Ken Davy, its chief executive, has a 29.6 per cent holding there is no policy on him. Martin Greenwood says: "We have had such policies in the past, but as the company has grown, the necessity for keyman insurance has waned."

Corporate actions such as flotations, share issues or acquisitions frequently prompt companies to seek cover for key individuals such as

finance directors. Temporary cover between 6 and 18 months is often extended as companies realise the extent of their liability, says Brian Jackson of Cassidy Davis Life policy it can be a Syndicate. However, problems can arise if sponsoring corporate actions forget about

insurance until the last minute. Many issues have been delayed by chief executives who dashed away from final negotiations to undergo medical tests. And even in more relaxed times

problems can crop up if egos are quite as important as they think they are, and going through a company's accounts to determine how much income a person generates is inevitably a long-winded process. Sometimes it's

not just a question of the company boss going missing. What if your entire staff wins the lottery and heads straight for the door?

Fielding Mann, the Leeds insurance broker, has come up with the solution

— a maximum premium of £300 will insure up to 100 employees for £300,000. It has just introduced a keyman version, says Albert Robertson, a manager at the firm - so if your managing director wins a packet from his golf syndicate your company can still get a handour.

Robin Michaelson, director at Crow Life, an underwriting syndicate at Lloyds, which insured Mr Branson for a previous balloon flight, says that olicies are usually linked to the length of the individual's contract and last up to ten years.

Most senior executives are not engaged in hazardous leisure pursuits, he says, and £1 million cover for a male non-smoker aged 45 starts at £1,880 a year, although the inclusion of critical illness or permanent disability cover

Brian Jackson of Cassidy Davis says hobbies such as flying need not make a policy prohibitive, if the key player can prove he has good experience and does not do it very often. For those smaller companies that do

take out the policy it can be a lifesaver, and does not require the presence of a mini-Branson. One in three businessmen will die or suffer a critical illness disability before retirement, even if they are not in the habit of reaching for the skies. Nevertheless, only 5 per cent of companies have this insurance, compared with 25 per cent in the United States. One firm was paid £300,000 when its managing director developed breast cancer. Another received £39,000 when its 43-year-old chief buyer suffered a heart attack.



Our central bankers: an appreciation

anted: second fid-dles in a one-man financial band. Candidates must be thickskinned, but also discreet. Responsibilities are heavy, but performance will be no-

ticed only if things go wrong. Internal prospects: possible promotion to the top job, which carries high visibility. External prospects: well-paid obscurity. Fringe benefits: unlimited travel, first-class accommodations. Pension: yes, for those who can remain in post. Pay: 50 to 90 per cent below what you are now earning.

You will never see an advertisement like that because it would attract no applications. Yet although it is an accurate description of the lot of most central bankers, there are no unfilled vacancies in the world's great monetary authorities. It is a little like the Washington bureaucracy, which is equally underpaid. Result, as one official told me "Most of the people you will meet will be

nutty, or just plain stupid." However, central bankers enjoy real power and some independence, so that warning needs rephrasing. Most of the people you meet are either friends of the President, or academics who know how the job should be done - until they try. All the same, it is quite surprising that they do not do worse.

Meanwhile they remain personally irreproachable (well, nearly always), public spirited, and generally nice people to know. Whatever you may read from me about their policies. I do like central bankers: which is more than l can say for politicians, as a class. And that, of course, is the real point of central bankers. Their function is to be not-politicians, and above all not facing elections. Most, all the way from hard monetarists to expansionists, would agree that their job is not at heart technical but to to represent the long term against the short.

That is why they tend to have tense relations with their political masters, or partners, where they have formal independence although this does not really matter much. It is also why so many are wedded to fixed targets or formulae: monelives, or the exchange rate. Formulae, they believe, are people. This, I believe, is mistaken, and does matter.

These reflections are provoked by some recent central banking appointments, and speeches by central bankers, all monitored by the indefatigable Stephen Lewis, of London Bond Brokers. He notes friends of the President appearing in Washington and in Paris. In Washington, Alan Greenspan has become a friend of the President, so the new arrivals will probably make no difference — unless, of course, something happens to disarrange the chairman's

Proposals, for example, for a return to fixed rules are probably no more than an attempt to weaken Mr Greenspan's dominance.

Paris, though, could be quite a different matter. President Chirac said during his election campaign that monetary policy was too important to be left to monetary technocrats, and Mr Lewis reports that relations between M Chirac and Jean-Claude Trichet, the archtechnocrat in charge of the franc fort, have remained

So the arrival of two Chirac cronies on the monetary council of the Bank of France could well disturb the icy consensus that has ruled there for so long - if not now then as the 1998 elections get nearer. That is a threat real enough to disturb the Bundesbank.

What worries Buba is a future that it may be unable to control, the policy of the Hans Tietmeyer has proposed that the ECB should adopt the Bundesbank's current practice, M3 targeting. That does not look sensible: an M3 target is a kind of monetary Eurofighter, an constrained by computers.

Buba has made of mess of it, just as the Bank of England once did. But it is there, which is really the point it leaves little freedom to friends of any foreign

Buba distrasts not just politicians, but people. Overdoing it, surely.

Economic hangover turning an Asian tiger into a tortoise

The South Korean economic miracle is blooming in Britain but willing at home. The country is by far the biggest UK inward investor. Four of the top 20 foreign companies coming to Britain are from Korea with LG and Samsung, the industrial conglomerates, at number one and two on the list, having created tens of thousands of UK jobs in the

The domestic Korean economy, however, is rapidly turning from an Asian tiger into a tortoise. The current account is showing an equivalent \$22 billion deficit, four times the original forecast. GDP growth dropped by more than 2 per cent last year and numbers for 1997 are again being revised downwards. "Korea has woken up with a hangover at the end of 1996. The economy isn't

doing that great," said a senior foreign diplomat in Secol. For years, Western economists had been deeply impressed by the export-led Korean success story. While Europe and America were averaging growth rates around 2 per cent, Korea was expanding at four times the rate. Production and sales in electronics and car manufac-

turing were soaring.
The doom and gloom merchants were convinced that the West would lose its economic dominance. The creation of a single European corrency was interpreted as an attempt to build a unified front against

the figer economies:

But this no longer seems appropriate Chinks in Korea's industrial armour havebeen exposed. The country's main problem is the inefficien-

Oliver August on the problems sabotaging South Korea's boom



An anti-government protest by workers in Seoul yesterday

cy and low flexibility of its labour force. "The labour issue will be the most critical factor in our economy this year," said Sakong Eun-duk, senior economist at the Hanwha

Economic Research Institute. The problem is twofold. Salaries have been rising rapidly in recent years as workers average wage equal to \$10,000 they could afford few of the dominated by a small number

goods they were producing so well. The resulting hike in labour costs meant that building new production facilities in Korea became less attractive. Instead, the Koreans came to Britain. Last autumn Hyundai revealed plans for a £2.4 billion semi-conductor

plant in Scotland. The second aspect of Korea's labour force problem is inflexiof conglomerates who offer their workers jobs for life. Competition between companies or employees is far from the norm.

To fight the industrial mal-

aise, the Korean Government

has now introduced new labour laws undoing decades of near total job security by allowing employers to lay off workers, hire temporary staff and replace strikers. These changes have sparked nationwide protests. The streets of Seoul have been filled with 200,000 striking

workers, who have called for

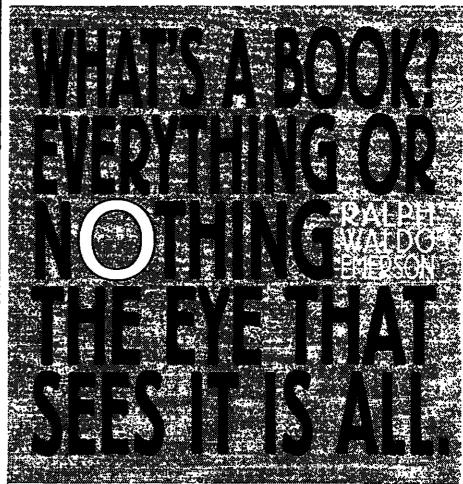
the removal of the government

over this issue, and violent

clashes with the police seem inevitable. However, the strike action is only exacerbating Korea's problems. According to the trade ministry, the country has suffered \$1.4 billion in lost production_since_the_strikes

started on December 26. Ironically, the labour dispute is good news for Britain. The trend of building Korean production sites on Britain's green fields is set to become even stronger. The more hostile the domestic climate, the more Korean companies will

want to escape abroad. One unwelcome feature of inward investment, however, is unlikely to change. The Department of Trade and Industry is paying substantial sweeteners to foreign inves-tors. In many cases the DTI is involved in what amounts to an incentive contest with other European governments to con-vince the likes of Samsung to come to Britain. The demand for sweeteners will increase if bility. The Korean economy is troubles continue to mount on



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THE TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

Linklaters

fees league

By ROBERT MILLER

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table of legal advisers to

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fourth place in the main table.

with 15 deals totalling £9

billion, and from 11th to fifth

Freshfields, which topped

the 1995 tables with 31 deals totalling £32.2 billion, slipped

slightly to the number three

and number four spots respectively.
Mr Healey said: "The in-

creasing complexity of deals

meant that last year was even

better than 1995 in terms of

boosting the coffers of the

leading law firms." He added:

"The combination of no mega-

bids and fewer El billion-plus

in the other.

The law firm that moved

Treasury launches drive to streamline PFI



Jack: focus on contract guidelines

THE CITY's top law firms

advising on UK public take-

overs earned record fees of

zine, show that Linklaters &

Paines enjoyed a sparkling

year, which saw the City

collectively earn more than El billion in fees from UK take-

overs. Linklaters not only topped the chart of lawyers

working for banking teams or

companies with 19 mandates worth £19 billion, but also

topped the table for legal

advisers to companies with 12

deals worth nearly £16 billion. Philip Healey, editor of Ac-

quisitions Monthly, said that

the key to Linklaters' success

was "its consistent involvement in El billion-plus deals".

These included advising Royal Insurance on its £2,4 billion

merger with Sun Alliance, and

Lloyds TSB on its purchase of

the outstanding 37.6 per cent

stake in Lloyds Abbey Life, the

Slaughter and May retained

its runner-up position in the table of law firms working for

financial advisers or com-

nanies with 25 deals, the

highest number achieved by

any law firm during 1996, which were worth Elo.3 bil-

about £300 million in 1996. The latest annual league tables, published yesterday by Acquisitions Monthly maga-

A FRESH drive on the Private Finance Initiative, the Government's scheme to pump commercial cash into public projects, will be launched in the next couple of weeks by the Treasury, in a further effort to eliminate bureaucracy in the much-criticised programme.

Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is expected soon to serve up the first major set of guidelines on the PFI for more than a year with the focus on contracts. Contractual hurdles

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

have been highlighted by many companies in their attacks on the PFI, which has been hindered by project delays.

The new pronouncement from the Treasury is likely to try to consolidate on the joint move by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Confederation of British Industry to cut PFI red tape. It will be the first comprehensive set of guidelines since the 1995 Budget when the "private opportunity/public benefit papers were

launched. In October, Mr Clarke and the CBI joined forces to revive the initiative, which had faced criticism from the CBI the previous summer. Then Mr Clarke said that the Government had learnt its lesson from industry.

Many construction and engineering groups have been harsh critics of the policy because of delays to some projects and the cost of bidding for

In its review, the CBI had said that PFI, which was launched in 1992,

was at a critical stage. In the joint government/industry endeavour. standardised contracts were launched and the Government pledged a case-by-case battle against heavy administration and any other problems.

The value of PFI contracts now stands at about £7.5 billion. With fresh figures due out at the end of next month. The Government is working towards a target of £14 billion by the year that ends in March 1999.

Kawasaki joins R-R in Trent 900 project

ROLLS-ROYCE'S programme to make the engines that will power the new 600-seater superjumbos being developed by Boeing and Airbus has been joined by Kawasaki. The Japanese group is the first company to become a risk and revenue partner in the Trent 900 programme launched at last year's Farnborough Air Show. Rolls-Royce has agreements with Boeing and Airbus, which are working on different designs for the large-capacity aircraft, for its engines.

Rawasaki Heavy Industries, which has joined other Rolls-Royce ventures, will take on 6 per cent share of the risks in the 900 project in return for 6 per cent of the rewards and will focus on design and manufacture of the rewards and will focus on design and manufacture of the rewards. turbine. Rolls-Royce is in talks with other aerospace groups for further risk and revenue partnerships. It is expected that it will take those partnerships to 24 per cent of the project in line with its other engine developments.

Reed grows in France

THE French subsidiary of Reed-Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing group, yesterday purchased La Documentation Organique, the publisher of a tax-law encyclopaedia for accountants and companies. The purchase price was not disclosed but was said to be small. La Documentation Organique has 29 employees and expects turnover for 1966 of FFr19.3 million, or less than 52.2 million. Reed said that the takeover will raise the annual turnover of its French legal publishing operations to about FFr 120 million.

Tandem chief resigns

TANDEM GROUP, the bicycle maker, yesterday announced the resignation of Robin Garland as chief executive. His

Chips market declines

producer, with 29 per cent revenue growth.

EU seeks bank facts

showing a small profit of Pr67 million, but complained that Paris had not respected a reporting condition of a past rescue.

Hays wins S&N deal

shares in Hays fell 2p. to 541p:

departure comes after last year's agreed merger with Casket and withdrawal from the manufacture, distribution and retailing of garden leisure and horticultural products. The company said that Mr Garland would continue to advise the board on the group's withdrawal from clothing operations, which is now almost complete. which is now almost complete. Graham Waldron continues as chairman with a new operational board created from the senior management of the bicycle businesses.

WORLDWIDE semiconductor revenues fell 7 per cent to \$141 billion in 1996, according to Dataquest, the market research firm, after a steep drop in the market for dynamic random access memory (dram) chips, the most common computer memory chip. The average selling price for drams fell by three quarters, Dataquest said. Excluding drams, the semiconductor market grew 6 per cent, led by a 14 per cent microcomponent revenue growth. Intel Corp remained the world's leading chip

THE European Commission has told France to give details of its latest bail-out plan for state-owned Credit Lyonnais. The Commission, which says it has had no contact with the French authorities since emergency measures were approved in September, is writing "to demand urgent communication of these details". The Commission allowed emergency finance of Fr3.9 billion to enable the bank to issue delayed interim results

HAYS, the business services group, has won a £20 million contract to become the sole logistics supplier for the take-home drink products of Scotlish & Newcastle. Hays, which already distributes around half of the brewer's take-home volumes, will take full command of the new contract from the end of next month. Ronnie Frost, executive chairman of Hays, said that the new contract would provide significant opportunities for improving efficiency. At one stage yesterday

Japan merger relaxation

JAPAN'S fair trade watchdog hopes to ease rules for mergers which could pave the way for big corporate tie-ups and strengthen companies' global competitiveness. The Fair Trade Commission (FTC) said it may simplify procedures by allowing certain mergers to be conducted without the need for watchdog approval. This would involve dropping application requirements for mergers between small companies with total assets of less than 10 billion yen (£51.24 million) each, as well as for those within the same corporate group.

Buyout at Merrychef

MERRYCHEF, the designer and manufacturer of commercial microwave ovens based in Hamsphire, has been acquired by its management team. The company, which has been trading since 1945, employs 70 people and has a customer base which includes supply contracts with Scottish & Newcastle, Bass Taverns, Granada, Rank, Tesco, J Sainsbury and City Centre Restaurants. The management is led by Reece Houghton, with funding led by 3i, who invested £7.3 million. Senior debt and banking facilities have been provided by Bank of Scotland.

Try Group optimistic

TRY GROUP, the contractor and housebuilder, expects to meet its forecasts for 1996 and sees promising signs for 1997, the company said yesterday. The contracting order book was boosted by £35 million in the final six weeks of last year and now stands at £110 million. The disposal of Try's plant hire subsidiary and the favourable timing of some payments meant that Try had net cash of £5.5 million at the year end. New homes at two sites in London are selling more quickly than budgeted. Try shares rose 312p to 1634p yesterday.

Scottish Equitable evaluation after £2bn deal

Insurers' credit status reviewed

By Adam Jones

THE credit-worthiness of Scottish Equitable's life insurance operation is to be reviewed by Moody's, the international rating agency. The reassessment of the

financial strength rating, with a view to downgrading, follows the £2 billion purchase of a life insurer in the US by Aegon, Scottish Equitable's Dutch parent company. The purchase of the insurance operations of Providian, announced last week, will involve Aegon taking on about £500 million of debt.

Moody's currently Scottish Equitable a financial

of a company's ability to pay long-term liabilities - of Aa2 This is two grades short of the top rating of Aaa.

A spokesman for Scottish Equitable said: "Any large transaction triggers an automatic evaluation of all the group's companies. We can just put it down to that."

He said that he was bemused by any assumption that downgrading was likely. Moody's is also reviewing Norwich Union's rating in case demutualisation increases borrowings.

Yesterday, Moody's also published a general report on the UK life insurance indus-

companies may find their high credit ratings lowered by increasing competition.

The bad image of the industry and the difficulty of gener-

ating capital from operations are also putting pressure on credit ratings, it found.

However, the financial strength of insurance companies was stable in 1996. according to an assessment of 19 companies. Their ratings range from Aaa, awarded to Prudential Assurance and Standard Life Assurance, to A3, awarded to the Scottish Provident and Eagle Star Life

Assurance. in spite of the prospect of a

was a very difficult year after the mis-selling," he said. The report said that inprovements in investment markets had combined with the increase in new business to brighten the outlook. Much of the new business may not however, be profitable, it said. since some insurers were cutting costs aggressively to squeeze smaller compani bear market could also shrink life offices capitalisation.

creased competition, Mark Oldcorn, a Moody's analyst

said that the industry as &

whole experienced a reversal

of fortune in 1996. "Sales have

improved from 1995, which



Celebrating a £5 billion record: Bruce Burnett and Alan Palmer, marketing directors of Trebor Bassett and Cadbury

Sweet success for Dairy Milk

By Sarah Cunningham

BRITONS are munching their way through 12 per cent more chocolates and sweets than ten years ago with child-ren and the middle-aged the

mandates was sufficient to cut back overall deal values in biggest consumers. Figures released yesterday 1996, but lawyers can still look by Cadbury Schweppes show back on the year with some satisfaction. Moreover, the that British sales grew 5 per current boom in UK mergers cent last year to a record £4.9 and acquisitions augurs well billion and that the UK is the world's third largest consum-

er of chocolate and sweets, with people eating 13 kilogrammes per year and spending an average £1.60 each per week. We trail only Denmark (17kg per person) and Ireland (14kg).

The nation's favourite chocolate, according to the annual confectionery review from Cadbury, is its own Dairy Milk, while the top selling

sweet brand is Wrigley's Ex-tra chewing gum. The most popular chocolate bar was Kit Kat, and Maltesers topped the

bag league.

The 45-64 age group buys the most confectionery at 23 eat more - 17 per cent - than

up most of the confectionery market with 70 per cent of Cadbury holds a 20 per cent share of the total con-fectionery market and

Trebor Bassett, the group's per cent of the total. They also sweet manufacturing arm. 10 per cent. This compares any other group except the with Nestle Rowntree (20 under-eights (19 per cent.)

per cent) and Mars (18 per **Gartland Whalley** & Barker to plant seed of US growth

GARTLAND Whalley & Barker, the last-growing venture capital business managed by former senior executives of FKI, plans to establish a parallel business in America.

Tony Gartland, chairman, said America represented the next major stage of growth for the group, enabling it to invest in businesses at an early stage of their development.

GWB, which gained a listing on the Alternative Investment Market in August after the reverse takeover of Select Industries, yesterday reported a 20 per cent rise in the value of investments to £57.4 million for the year to October 31.

Pre-tax profits increased to EL27 million, from £5.5 million in the previous 12 months, and carnings more than trebled to 11.07p a share (3.07p). GWB, which functioned as a public company for only the final seven weeks of the financial year, recommends a dividend of 0.32p a share. This dividend will be the first received by Select shareholders since 1988. Mr Gartland said GWB had



the current financial year. The flotation of Aquarius Group, a

designer of household accesso-

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... and Val Kilmer, playing Leslie Charteris's smooth detective in a new big-screen version of The Saint ...

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... to the Royal Ballet's staging of Twyla Tharp's Push Comes to Shove at Covent Garden ...



PREVIEW

... and a batch of concerts marking Schubert's bicentenary: Times critics choose the top spring shows

Braque at the Royal Academy, Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet: Times critics pick the hottest tickets ahead

Shows that bloom in the spring

Richard Cork

spite his outstanding contribution to 20th-century painting. Georges Braque has always suffered in comparison with the overwhelming fame of his friend Binger Oct. of his friend Picasso. Only now is the Royal Academy staging the first British exhibition to examine his later work (Jan 23-April 6). Key loans from collections across the world will reveal how the older Braque created a lyrical and mysterious world, especially in his culminating series based on the theme of the artist's studio.

But British art will not be neglected in 1997. At the National Gallery, the precoci-ty of the young Gainsborough s surveyed (Jan 29-March 31). Less well-known paintings will extend our knowledge of an artist whose early work is often effortlessly beguiling.

Paula Rego, by contrast, took a long time to arrive at her present reputation. Born in Lisbon and trained at the Slade School in London, she explored a remarkable range of styles before defining her mature identity. The full variety of Rego's work, from 1959 to 1995, will be displayed for the first time at the Tate "Liverpool (Feb 8-April 13). Even her best-known later vorks will be seen in a new light, with the help of preparatory drawings never exhib-

The astonishing vitality of British art before the First World War is explored in a major exhibition at the Barbi-

can Art Gallery (Feb 20-May 26). Young artists in London were sumulated by the daring of continental movements, and the Barbican show will display Cezanne, Gauguin, Picasso and Matisse alongside home-grown work by David Bomberg, Wyndham Lewis, Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant.

During the same period. the German painter Lovis Corinth underwent a momentous change. In the late 19th century he had pioneered Impressionism in his own country, but in middle age his style moved towards a far more powerful form of Expressionism. His long and turbulent career will be explored in a large Tate Gallery retrospective (Feb 20-May 4).

Devotees of photography are bound to savour the August Sander exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery (Feb 28-June 8). Now considered a towering figure in the history of German photography, Sander was born in 1876. But he only achieved great-ness from the 1920s onwards, after starting an immensely ambitious project called People of the Twentieth Century. The 200 images in this new show all come from Sander's own collection.

If Sander's work only achieved international fame after his death in 1964. Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema basked in enormous popularity during his lifetime. Modernists despised him for many years, but the large retrospective at the Walker Art Gallery. Liverpool (March 21-June interest in his languorous Mediterranean idylls.



Studio VIII (1954-55) by Georges Braque, a highlight of the coming season when the Royal Academy stages the first British exhibition of his later work (from January 23)

nglish National Ballet says fare well to the Festival Hall next week after more than 40 years of performances on the South Bank. The company, which moves its London seasons to the Coliseum later this year. owing out with Ronald Hynd's staging of Coppelia (from Monday). There are plenty of new ENB dancers to catch up with, including the popular Hungarian Zoltan Solymosi (you may remember him from Covent Garden). Meanwhile, ENB's spring tour (opening Feb 17 at the Palace Theatre, Manchester) features the first performances by an English company of

Balanchine's Who Cares? One of the most successful ballets of the Seventies makes its way to Covent Garden on February 13 when the Royal Ballet brings Twyla Tharp's Push Comes to Shove into the repertoire. Tharp made the one-actor in 1976 for the extraordinary Mikhail Baryshnikov;

this time around it's the Royal's Tetsuya April 30 Glen Tetley unveils his new ballet for Covent Garden, his first commission for the Royal since his Dances of Albion in 1980. No details are available yet, except that Nadine Baylis will be doing the designs. On a smaller scale. Dance Bites sees the Royal touring a programme of short works by Matthew Hart, Tom Sapsford, William Mannew Hart, 10th Sapsiou, Whitain Tuckett, Cathy Marston, Christopher Wheeldon and Ashley Page (opens at the Lyceum in Sheffield on March 3).

MacMillan's Mahler ballet Song of the Earth enters the Birmingham Royal

Ballet repertoire in Birmingham (Feb 25 at the Hippodrome) before going out on tour. A new work by Lila York is

premiered at the Mayflower in Southampton on May 15, and comes to the Royal Opera House as part of BRB's last season there before closure (season opens June 9).

Rambert Dance Company performs Bruce on its current tour, including Bruce's latest Stream. Adventures in Motion Pictures, still enjoying the triumph of its West End run of Swan Lake, celebrates its tenth anniversary on February 25 at The Place with a revival of Matthew Bourne's witty take on La Sylphide, Highland Fling. Scottish Ballet opens Woking's second Dance Umbrella festival with the "real" La Sylphide, courtesy of Bournonville (Feb. New Victoria Theatre); while Philippe Decouffé, the man who choreo-graphed the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1992 Winter Olympics, brings his dazzling new show Decoder to Woking (March 6-8).

survive without its anniversa-L I ries? This spring there is hardly a concert that isn't marking somebody's birth, death or barmitzvah.

Schubert, born 200 years ago, takes vhere Andras Schiff leads a gala on the birthday (Jan 31), then begins a Schubert piano cycle (from Feb 5). Ian Bostridge, the upwardly-mobile tenor, tours Schubert's Winterreise. And the violinist Gidon Kremer couples Schubert with Schubert-inspired new music in a series (Jan 20, March 7, April 7) that the Barbican shares with Cologne. Paris and Amsterdam.

The London Symphony Orchestra offers buckets of Brahms at the Barbican (from Jan 29): the old boy died 100 years ago. And later the LSO alights on guess what? - another Significant Date. Mstislav Rostropovich will be 70, so the great cellist's life, virtuosity and

Richard Morrison

MUSIC

idiosyncratic conducting are celebrated with a Barbican series from March 8. Julian Bream has discovered that it is 50 years since he first strummed a guitar in public. This, too, produces a concert (Queen Elizabeth Hall, Jan 16). The Halle Orchestra has discovered John Adams's 50th birthday, so the American minimalist-with-romantictendencies is invited to Manchester to conduct his new work (Jan 23).

There are also ongoing celebrations of the millennium. Simon Rattle's tenyear Towards the Millennium series has reached the music of the Sixties. He launches this instalment with a Henze/Stravinsky concert (Birmingham Feb 27. Festival Hall Feb 28). This must not be confused with the BBC's

Sounding the Century series, which opens with a barrage of Stravinsky (including a televised event on Feb 16 conducted by Boulez), and runs to 1999.

What doesn't mark an anniversary? Well, the celebrations in Belfast are all Ulster Orchestra shares the inaugural festival (from Jan 17) with the St Petersburg Philharmonic. The London Sinfonietta offers a crash course in new British music (South Bank, Feb 15-16). The BBC Symphony Orchestra presents a similarly intense weekend devoted to the late, moderately great Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski (Barbican, Jan 17-19).

James MacMillan's Clarinet Concerto is premiered by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (Glasgow, April 5). And, for those who like slightly older sounds, Cambridge (Jesus College) and Bristol (St George's) are sharing a Medieval Music Festival (March 6-9).

Benedict Nightingale

T xit the RSC, re-enter the RSC's founder.
The company quits the Barbican for six months in early April, by which time it will have transferred three more of last season's Stratford offerings to the Pit, prime among them Three Hours After Marriage, a farcical portrait of 18th-century marital manners by Pope, Gay and Arbuthnot (Jan 28). But at least we will have compensation in the form of Sir Peter Hall's first season at

the Old Vic.
This opens with Granville-Barker's Waste (March 14), in which Michael Pennington's senior politician is ruined by a dangerous liaison with Felicity Kendal. Then come a Driberg and his long-sufrevival of Cloud Nine (March 21), Caryl Churchill's satiric look at prudery and sexual confusion. and Hurlyburly (March 24) David Rabe's Hollywood burlesque.

events are a revival of Pinter's darkly hilarious Homecoming (Jan 23); the ria Friedman in Gershwin Dark (March II).

Elsewhere in the nonprofit-making sector, the Almeida offers Ralph Figures in Chekhov's atre's adaptation of Armi-Ivanov (Feb 19); Max Staf- stead Maupin's Tales of the ford-Clark's admirable Out City (Jan 25).

of Joint company comes to Hampstead with a play about emotional chaos among social workers and men's groups, April de Angelis's Positive Hour (March 4); the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, plays host to maybe the best play yet about Asians in Britain. Ayub Khan-Din's East is East (Feb 5); and the Royal Court presents Doug Lucie's doubtless scathing attack on media moguls, The Shallow End. at the Duke of York's (Feb 17).

The West End picture is less certain. The hugely admired Schnitzler-derived musical Romance, Romance may hit the Gielgud in early March; but the big event looks like being Stephen Churchett's Tom and Clem (April 9). This brings Michael Gambon and Alec McCowen to the Aldwych as the maverick MP Tom fering leader, Clement Attice.

And let's not forget Cliff Richard and Emily Broute The singing knight arrives in and as Heathcliff at Labatt's Apollo on Febru-At the National the major any 12 after a four-month tour that has inexplicably bypassed Stratford, Nottingham, Cambridge and lan Hohn King Lear Glasgow. Still, those ourgus can take solace in the prospect of irespective Circle by Theatre de ly Temessee Williams's Complicite's Simon Mesurreal Camino Part (April 19) Burney (April 18); and Ma- 27), a co-production with the National Theatre of and Weill's Lady in the Uganda of Brecht's Mother Courage (April 29), the premiere of Ariel Dorfman's Widows (March 5), and Babycakes, the Tron The-





The play's the thing this winter, with various new movie adaptations of Shakespeare to add to those already out and about. Al Pacino gets in first (Jan 31) with his directorial debut Looking for Richard, a lively, fastpaced piece that dovetails filmed scenes from Richard III with a comic record of the struggles in bringing the Bard to life for audiences and actors today. His colleagues include Alec Baldwin (Clar-

ence) and Winona Ryder (Lady Anne). Two weeks later Kenneth Branagh weighs in with his ambitious, four-hour Hamlet, aimed at the mainstream audiences who enjoyed his Much Ado About Nothing. Every word and comma of the Shakespeare text is filmed in Branagh's usual edectic, ritzy manner, in a 19th-century setting. Every living actor is also present, from Billy Crystal (First Gravedigger) to John Mills (Old Norway). Branagh, hair coloured a Nordic blond, is the troubled Prince; Julie Christie is Gertrude, and Derek Jacobi Claudius.

-After six weeks' respite, Romeo and Juliet gets the shock treatment in an

CINEMA Geoff Brown

Australian director of Strictly Ballroom. Forget Shakespeare's Verona; this version takes place in Verona Beach, where the accent is strongly American, and young actors like Leonardo DiCaprio (Romeo) and Claire Danes (Juliet) seem

The classic novel is not forgotten. Jane Campion's version of The Portrait of a Lady opens on February 28. This is no pretty costume drama: in her first film since The Piano, Campion sculpts icily elegant and mysterious images to tell Henry James's story about an independent-minded American woman sucked into marriage in Europe. Nicole Kidman is admirable as Isobel Archer: her eventual husband is played by John Malkovich, quirks well to the fore.

After all this culture, though, you must be starving for a Hollywood knees-up. How about The Saint, directed by Philip Noyce, with Val Kilmer: a electric film by Baz Luhrmann, the big-screen revival of Leslie Charteris's during the Second World War.

debonair detective portrayed on television by Roger Moore? This arrives in March. Or if you prefer your heroes from pulp fiction and comic strips, that crime-fighting phenomenon The Phantom swirls into cinemas on February 14 in the form of Billy Zane. The connoisseur's choice, though, will probably be Mars Attacks!. the latest hymn to American lowbrow culture from director Tim Burton. His subject here is the Fifties alien invasion movie, and he recreates the genre with some spiffing designs, tongue firmly in cheek, and an astonishing roster of star names, starting with Jack Nicholson (the US President, no less) and ending with Tom Jones.

Foreign-language films are thin on the ground, but France supplies two genuine pleasures. On February 7, Patrice Leconte's diverting costume piece Ridicule makes its bow: prepare for dry, witty dialogue, and piles of intrigue at the Court of Versailles. Then, way into the future in early April, comes Jacques Audiard's A Self-Made Hero, a captivating comic tale of deception

OPERA-

John Allison

The single outstanding operatic event is the first professional staging in Britain of Palestrina at Covent Garden. Hans Pfitzner's stirring "musical legend" is much talked-about but little known: it hymns the sacred power of music to save a declining culture — lofty subject-matter, for which Nikolaus Lehnhoff is probably the right producer. Too many distinguished singers to list, but Nicolai Gedda's appearance in a cameo role suggests the level of casting to expect

The Royal Opera has saved the season's best revivals for now, and none is more excitingly cast than Lohengrin (Feb 8), with Karita Mattila, matchless in this repertory. Gosta Winbergh, Sergei Leiferkus and the veteran Gwyneth Jones.

English National Opera's hot ticket is likely to be a new production of production team.

nounced Saily Burgess as the shipwrecked Isabella in the new Italian Girl in Algiers (Jan 18). Patrice Caurier and Moshe Leiser will stage Carmen for Welsh National Opera (Feb 15); with a cast including Sara Fulgoni and Edmund Barham it should be seen. Scottish Opera's new Fledermaus (Glasgow, Feb 12) features a lively cast, and Giles Havergal's production is promised as being slap bang in the operetta's frothy period. Two of the greatest Italian operas

reach Opera North in new

stagings: Falstaff (Jan 16) and The Return of Ulysses

(April 15). Back in London,

Carmen is at the Albert

Hall (Feb 6). Having appar-

ently learnt from the mis-

takes of his Bohėme last

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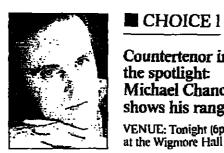
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VISUAL ART: Masters are not confined to the bridge of the liner Galaxy, Guy Walters writes

prietors, in their bid to add a touch of class, often slap up some vast abstract canvas in order to impress the diners, but Sir and. Madam don't really care, so long as the food is as good as it is expensive and there is grovelling servility aplenty.

On an upmarket cruise ship the situation is rather different. People are stuck on these floating hotels for weeks on end, and after boredom has set in, passengers may need something more than exercise bikes and a hint of romance to occupy their minds. So what better way to spend a few hours than surveying some fine works of art?

If you sailed on Celebrity Cruises' new ship Galaxy, your tour of inspection would take a long time indeed. Weighing 77,500 tonnes, the recently completed Galaxy contains 450 works valued at about £2 million. According to the brochure, this is "the finest collection of contemporary art exhibited aboard a cruise ship". Apparently nothing compares to the Galaxy's Art Collection".

Can this be true? There are certainly some big names represented on board. Koons, Beuys, Johns, Rauschenberg and Lichtenstein all rub frames in the Galaxy's Trump Tower-meets-carshowroom splendour. There are also some sturdy middleweights — Georg Baselitz, Polly Apfelbaum, Sean Land-ers and Jack Pierson. Thrown in are some obscurish German works, mostly abstract and useful for filling the odd

blank space. Surprisingly, many of the works are first-rate. It would be easy to expect a cargo of pieces chosen for their appeal to the bauble-laden Las Vegas set, but the Rauschenberg is a pleasant intaglio, the Koons is a typically naff statue

orks of art in restaurants of a white terrier, the Beuys a simple tend to go unnoticed Pro- woodcut and the Johns a joyously woodcut and the Johns a joyously squiggly lithograph. The Lichtensteins are disappointing. Being recent, they are fairly dreary and predictable, but they look fine for a cruise ship.

However, many of the pieces are let down by the Galaxy's upholstery. The carpets are largely Daygio and halluci-nogenic, clashing sensationally with some of the most colourful pieces and more or less murdering the subtle. Art doesn't have to be hung on white walls. but many of the pieces on the Galaxy would benefit from being so.

he collection was assembled by Christina Chandris, the wife of the company's chairman. She had the enviable task of jetting between New York and London to snap up what she saw fit. "I tried to take into account the environment in which I hung things," she says. "I didn't want the pictures fighting with the ship." It is debatable whether she succeeded.

Security does not seem to be a particular concern, presumably on the ground that if a picture goes missing, the suspects can all be marooned at sea until the culprit is found.

Bearing in mind her likely "clients", did Chandris play safe? "I knew what the parameters were," she says, "and that I couldn't get works that were disturbing. Anything by Francis Bacon would have been out. The artists I aimed for were at the cutting edge. People like Lichtenstein are put in as reference points." It remains to be seen whether her

captive audience will bother to look, or will simply treat the collection as expensive wallpaper while they enjoy the headier pleasures of the Caribbean. Galaxy's 1997 cruising route.



White Terrier by Jeff Koons, one of the Galaxy's 450 works of art

CONCERTS: Works by modern composers showcase a constellation of sparkling young talent

MUSICIANS should always strive to serve the composers they perform, and those featured in the second pair of concerts in this year's extraordinary Park Lane Group Young Artists series certainly here the music s

them well, too, in showing off some serious talent. The early evening recital at the Purcell Room showcased the pianist Roderick Chadwick, whose musicianship was best revealed in Messiaen's Le Traquet Stapazin. He paced the piece, which charts the course of the sun over a day in Mediterranean

France, with steady skill. As a

colourfully evoked. For more conventional vir-

tuosity, Chadwick turned to the short, vigorous pieces that make up Geoffrey Poole's Ten. Far more memorable, though, was Thomas Ades's Still Sorrowing, a post-tonal score of calm eloquence.

Another French maître, Henri Dutilleux, provided the cellist Rebecca Gilliver with

movement from the Cata- her finest moments. His Trois ski's Sacker Variation that light Carter's 1994 Of Challlogue d'oiseaux, it is rich in Strophes are beautifully pro-really disclosed her warm, enge and of Love. I have birdsong and all its detail was portioned pictures in sound, woody tone — we must hear previously found this song and this performance caught their delicate colouring and great emotional power. The solo cello sonata by Sandor Veress, a Bartók disciple, was an exciting discovery, while

Michael Finnissy's Dove's Figary and Jonathan Harvey's Curve with Plateaux produced yet more evidence of this cellist's talent. But it was only the bold writing in Lutoslawmore of Gilliver.

Andre Cezanne's Acheron. a short setting of words by Gottfried Benn, receiving its first UK performance, did not prove the best vehicle for the riffeil soprano Geraldine McGreevy or the guitarist Stefan Hladek Both found more in Nicholas Maw's Thomas Hardy cycle Six Interiors, although McGreevy

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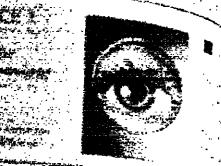
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Different class, as Jarvis would put it

quite, but it is a tempting line for any publicist. Last autumn Norma Waterson famously saw off not only the Gallagher brothers but also the Manic Street Preachers and Black Grape when she was voted runnerup for the Mercury Music Prize. Only Different Class, by Jarvis Cocker's Pulp, prevented her carrying off the top prize and the most unlikely victory since Aesop's tortoise taught the hare a lesson never to be forgotten. But a few months after all the fuss, her five minutes of pop fame have not so much changed her life as left her mildly bemused. I read the newspapers and have to remind myself that this is me they are talking about," she

Some things have changed: with-out the Mercury it is doubtful that she would this Sunday be selling out one of London's biggest rock venues, the Shepherds Bush Empire. And, she says, "people do come up to me in the street and say: 'Aren't you that lady who won that prize?" She loved the experience, but after 30 years as the doyenne of traditional English folk singing it would take more than a convivial evening with Liam and the lads to launch her on a new career as the latest Britpop sensation. "The food was good. I enjoyed the champagne and I thought the music was great, especially Pulp. But it hasn't changed what I do."

The popular papers, of course. revelled in the bizarre spectacle of a Yorkshire grandmother competing against Pulp and Oasis for pop's biggest prize. Much was made of her 57 years and, if the Spice Girls ever decide to recruit a sixth member, Waterson is unlikely to be on the shortlist. But she has a pleasing and expressive face and it seemed that picture editors deliberately sought the most unflattering photographs, so that her alleged lack of glamour became part of the story. "That didn't hurt at all," says a woman who is content if people find beauty in her voice. If anything

Only Pulp finished ahead of the legendary folk singer Norma Waterson in last year's Mercury stakes. Nigel Williamson reports

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she has played up to the granny image: when the album that won her the nomination started receiving rave reviews she told her record company that the music press was "only being nice because I'm a little

Strangely, the album — which David Sinclair also nominated one of his three favourites of 1996 in

The Times — was her first solo recording in in the pubs and folk clubs of Hull in the late 1950s. She herself is not quite sure why the solo album was so long in coming. "I suppose no one asked me before," she says. "All my life I've sung unaccompanied tradi tional music, but I've

always sung with my family and that always seemed enough. It was an indulgence to go to Hollywood and record new songs with other musicians. I loved doing it, but I thought it would fade out of sight. No one was more surprised than me at the way the album took off."

Traditional music has for long been a cottage industry for the extended Waterson family. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s she performed with her sister Lal, brother Mike and cousin John Harrison as the Watersons, four magnificent unaccompanied voices that produced some of the most influential folk albums ever recorded. Later they were augmented by Waterson's husband, the guitar stylist Martin Carthy.

Most recently she and Carthy have been working and recording with their daughter Eliza, an exuberant fiddler and one of the brightest young hopes on the

English folk scene. It is this family unit which will perform in London this weekend. The new album, due in the spring, sees a return to traditional material. It is also a collaborative effort and features no fewer than seven members of the family in different guises. Now, of course, the record company wants

another solo album, which Waterson will start recording in the au-tumn. Will it be traditional or contemporary songs? "All sorts. The world is my oyster now," she says. How about Norma Waterson sings George Formby?"

Her voice is so honest, so full of conviction, you feel that she could probably sing the telephone directory, let alone When I'm

Cleaning Windows, and still move people. Carthy has said that his wife is shy, even timid, but once she opens her mouth and begins to sing she knows no fear. "Singing feels very sexual to me," she says. Sometimes it feels like I'm flying, almost as if the voice is not a part of

That Britain's finest traditional singer had to record an album of contemporary songs before the pop world took any notice is perhaps not surprising. Not only was the choice of material a departure, but her rich, earthy voice had never before been recorded against an amplified backing. But she says she approached songs by the likes of Billy Bragg, Elvis Costello and even the Grateful Dead in exactly the same way as traditional material. "You try and tell a story. They are just human songs about people's lives. I hope it doesn't sound

thing. It is meant to sound very English."

This sense of her own roots lies at the heart of Waterson's music. There is not enough emphasis on the English tradition." she says. "Over the centuries the Church and the State have conspired to make the English embarrassed about their own folk culture. When we play English traditional music in America or Canada they think it is wonderful. Over here people behave as if English heritage consists of nothing more than Buckingham Palace and the Changing the

espite her reputation as great traditionalist. the folk world for failing to embrace new — and often brash — young ideas. This makes it no surprise that she felt so at home with the Britoop pack at the Mercury awards. "When punk came about it should have happened in the folk clubs," she says. But the punks weren't allowed in and that is why folk music

stagnated." But she refuses to be pessimistic. The fact that traditional music is still performed at all is a miracle in the age of television," she says. The old songs are as relevant as ever. They are about love, death, incest, murder, unhappiness - the basic things that keep the world

going round. And what next? "We've been doing this for 30 years, and we'll just keep on doing it. Getting on planes, getting in cars, going to the next gig until the voice gives out." She was off the morning after we met for an eight-day tour of Japan. We grumble sometimes but we are incredibly lucky. If I wasn't here right now I'd probably be doing the

Norma Waterson, Martin Carthy and Eliza Carthy play at the Shephends Bush Empire. London on Sunday. Norma Waterson's solo album is re-



For decades Norma Waterson sang pure folk with her family. Now the pop charts know her as well

JAZZ IN LONDON: A spirited saxophonist, and a gifted gospel singer

Rhythms to chase away the flu blues

WHEN the January wind blows through the streets and winter ailments mount up, an undiluted dose of Houston Person's tenor saxophone goes a long way toward lifting the spirits. Listeners who, like me. felt distinctly below par at the beginning of this performance could not have failed to be cheered by his unpretentious

grits 'n' gravy recipe.

Players of his pedigree, schooled in the no-nonsense ethos of rhythm and blues and that durable hybrid known as soul-jazz, are too often treated with a measure of condescen-

AS MIGHT be imagined from the title of

her debut recording, Songs for Desolate Times, the American gospel singer Ruth Naomi Floyd is a woman with a mission.

Seeing contemporary society as plagued by hopelessness and despair, she writes

and performs songs whose lyrics either

quote Christian scripture directly or roughly paraphrase it. Unusually, how-

ever, instead of operating in the musical

area generally associated with gospel singers such as Mahalia Jackson, Floyd

is an out-and-out jazz singer. What does comes across immediately

from Floyd, all specific messages aside. is

an overwhelming desire to communicate. Her first song, Or Truth?, inspired by a

James Baldwin novel, boasted the somewhat forbidding opening lines. "Judg-ment without any quality of the real falls short of the absolute, falls short of the

truth." Floyd's great strength, though, lies in her ability to inject swing and

monstrative not be mistaken for that of a lightweight.

A reliable partner for the singer Etta Jones on one album after another, he has also turned up in the unlikely company of pianist Ran Blake - one of Gunther Schuller's colleagues at the New England Conservatory - exploring stark, gospel-flavoured duets on the disc Suffield

Houston ing as unortho-Person dox as that. But even when wan-Jazz Café

dering no further afield than an up-tempo blues or the familiar melody of My Funny Valentine. Person always impressed with the economy and precision of his soloing. Even when he occasionally gave the im-pression that he was dropping down a gear or two (a reasonable enough ploy in a musician in his sixties) he was always guaranteed to seize our attention with a crisply execut-

Of the musicians in his highly efficient quartet, it was drummer Winston Clifford who made the deepest impression, combining precise timekeeping with an exuberant flurry of cross-beats. Whenever Person cooked a greasy slow blues, honked out a quotation from Watermelon Man or took a detour into a Latin ballad such as Meditation, Clifford was always there, hectoring and cajoling.

CLIVE DAVIS

Right in your faith

Ruth Naomi Floyd 606 Club, Chelsea

passion into the most stubbornly unpromising lyrics and so, driven by her rhythm section — drummer Web Thomas and bassist Jeremy Brown — and pleasingly embellished by the agile alto of Bobby Zankel and Steve Hamilton's sizzling piano, the song became a fastish bustle that easily accommodated the customary round of jazz solos. More overtly scripture-based lyrics, in

the songs Seek and Ye Shall Find, Reap What You Sow and The Last Shall Be First, received equally jazzy treatment, but it was Duke Ellington's Come Sunday that brought out all the strength and subtle beauty in Floyd's voice. The slow, yearning melody highlighted not only her technical gifts - superb dynamic control and flexibility, faultless diction but also her most important onstage asset: an unmistakable emotional integrity that conveys her music's power even to

the most recalcitrant non-believer. To the large numbers of sceptics in each camp - many of her religious acquaintances are reportedly as hostile to jazz and its perceived decadence as jazz fans are suspicious of organised religion - Floyd says: "Jesus didn't stand up in synagogues. He was right there in the streets, meeting people where they were."

CHRIS PARKER

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GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

MOLLY GAISFORD

Age: 23.

Profession: Actress and producer.

Enterprise culture: Dismayed at failing to be signed up by London agents in the cattle market" of their final weeks as drama students last May, Gaisford and fellow LAMDA graduate Justin Trefgarne established their own company, Odyssey

Debut production: Blood and Ice. Liz Lochhead's Eightles play about the writing of Frankenstein, began a four-week run at the New End Thearre, Hampstead, and would give us her full

last night, with Gaisford and Trefgarne as Mary and Per-cy Shelley. The New End is an appropriate setting for the Frankenstein story because in the 19th century it was a mortuary. Keats watched post-mortems there."

Famous patron: John Link. the LAMDA rutor who is directing Blood and Ice, told the pair they should try to recruit a well-known name to their cause. "I really admire Dame Judi Dench and so we wrote to her. She sent back a letter saying she was impressed by our enthusiasm



support. Having her as patron gave us an edge in getting off the ground."

Shoestring budget: "Everyone involved in Blood and Ice is working for nothing though we are paying for the stage manager's Travel-card." Even with financial

help from several LAMDA council members and the Keats-Shelley Memorial Association, they will still have to fill about 40 of the New End's 77 seats every night to

Long-term goal? "The initial idea was just to stage one play and get agents to see us and pick us up. But now we want Odyssey to give actors a chance to work as soon as they leave drama school, and stage work by unknown writers. We want it to be a hotbed for new talent."

Self-assessment: "I'm not the world's greatest organiser and wouldn't want to give up acting to become a full-time producer. I love trying to be funny but I'm probably more convincing in straight roles.

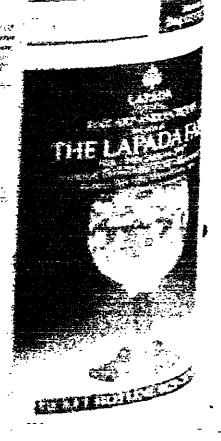
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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Regina v Leominster Magistraies Court and Another. Ex parte Aston Manor Brewery

Before Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Collins

[Judgment December 19] When a party was the defendant in related civil and criminal proceedings, it was an abuse of process for those criminal proceedings to con-tinue if the civil plaintiff was in effective control of the criminal proceedings, putting the prosecu-tion in a position where they were unable to exercise independently their duty as prosecutor.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when allowing an application for judicial review by ston Manor Brewery Co of the refusal on November 1, 1995, by Leominster Justices to stay

brought under regulation (3(4) of the Natural Mineral Waters Regulations (SI 1985 No 71) and section 15(1)(b) of the Food Safety Act 1990 brought by Hereford and Worcester County Council, on the ground of abuse of process.

The applicant was a company selling bottled spring water which became subject to civil proceedings brought by another company, who alleged that the applicant represented its water to be connected to water sold by the plaintiff. Later. related criminal proceedings were brought by the council on the olaintiff's complaint

Counsel instructed by the council to prosecute, was already representing the plaintiff in the civil proceedings, and in that capacity had possession of documents which were also relevant to the criminal proceedings. When the criminal matter came to trial, documents on the ground that they were covered by the plaintiff's privilege.

Having heard argument on those issues, the justices adjourned the case sine die, and refused to hear applications from the applicant for disclosure of the documents and for proceedings to be stayed on the ground of abuse of

Mr Ian Croxford, QC and Mr Thomas Lowe for the applicants: Mr Timothy Straker, QC and Mr Peter Miller for the council; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that neither prosecuting counsel nor the council had acted improperty, because both had obtained the permission of the

Whether they had acted wisely was another matter, however, It should have been appreciated that there would be a conflict of

interest if counsel was put in a position where he had a duty as a prosecutor to disclose to the annlicant material which the plaintiff would prefer he did not disclose. When that risk materialised, the

plaintiff was in effective control of the question of disclosure and the council were unable to exercise independently their duty as prosecutors. The integrity of the proceedings

had been compromised by that and it was no longer possible for the applicant to have a fair trial. The application would be allowed and proceedings permanently stayed.

Mr Justice Collins agreed. Solicitors: Dibh Lupton &

course he did, if he considered it

fair and safe to do so, it was a most

unusual course and it did necessi-

tate his relying heavily on the integrity of the BBC and Mr

Campbell in relation to transcripts

Integrity of BBC an issue for decision discretion of the judge to take the

Barker v Statesman and Nation Publishing Co Ltd and Others Before Lord Justice Nourse and

Lord Justice Brooke |Judgment December 5| Although it was within the discretion of a trial judge to strike out an action for malicious falsehood without hearing any evidence from the plaintiff or his witnesses, it was a most unusual course to take, especially when the integrity of the

British Broadcasting Corporation was an issue for decision. The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment granting an application by the plaintiff. Mr

The discretionary power of the

Court of Appeal conferred by

section 3 of the Criminal Appeal

Act 1968, under which it "may.

instead of allowing or dismissing

lant appeal, substitute for the

verdict found by the jury a verdict of guilty of [another] offence.

should be exercised in the light of what would be just in all the

circumstances of the procedural and evidential history of the case.

Division (Lord Justice Potter, Mr

Justice Owen and Judge Martin

Tucker, OCI so stated on Decem-

ber 6 when granting Andrew

Duncan Peterson leave to appeal

and substituting for his conviction

on March 31, 1995 at Swansea

Crown Court (Judge H. V. Wil-

liams, QC and a jury) of obtaining

property by deception, a verdict of guilty of procuring the execution of

The Court of Appeal. Criminal

Phillip B. Barker, for leave to appeal against a decision by Mr Justice Alliott on June 24, 1996, to strike out his action for damages for malicious falsehood against a number of defendants that ncluded the BBC and Mr Duncan Camphell an investigative

Mr Barker in person: Mr Desmond Browne. QC and Miss Adrienne Page for the BBC and Mr Campbell LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said

that the case arose out of the plaintiff's brief connection in 1989 with Brownings Clinical Pathol-ogy Services Ltd. a company that had offered experimental treat-

a valuable security by deception.

The prison sentence of nine

LORD JUSTICE POTTER said

that the trial was one of a number

concerning building society mort-gage fraud. Following R v Preddy

WLR 255) and R v Graham (The

Times October 28, 1996) the orig-

inal conviction had to be quashed

evidential history of the case.

e Times July 11, 1990; [1996] 3

was left unaltered.

to be substituted.

suspended for one year.

Substituting verdict

ment to AIDS sufferers, and a BBC Watchdog programme that sug-gested unfair pecuniary advantage was being taken of, and false hopes offered to vulnerable patients. The plaintiff, shown up in a bad

light and believing the defendants were activated by malice, felt that he had not received justice because the judge took the wholly exceptional course of deciding the issue on the evidential material on which the programme was based without hearing the plaintiff or his many witnesses give evidence. There was sufficient in the plaintiff's complaints to justify his

being granted leave.

of taped conversations if he was to determine the issue without hearing any oral evidence from the people whose conversations were being secretly taped; and the integrity of the BBC and Mr Campbell was at the heart of one of the issues the judge had to decide.

Lord Justice Nourse agreed. Solicitors: Ms Sarah Jones,

Insurer's entitlement

Murphy and Another v Young & Co's Brewery plc and Another

A legal expense insurer was permitted to cap its liability and once the cover had been exhausted it was not always reasonable or just to order the insurer to pay the costs of the adverse successful party regardless of the contractual limit of liability.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Phillips and Sir John Balcombe) so and the prosecution asked for a verdict of guilty of the other offence held on November 20 in dismiss ing an appeal by Young & Co's Brewery plc, the successful defen-dants to an action, against a decision of Mr Griffiths-Williams, It was submitted that because of the grave effect upon the applicant's career, as on act of mitigation or mercy no other verdict should be substituted. Their Lordships could not accede QC, sining as a deputy High Court judge, rejecting their application costs against Sun Alliance and to that. The apparently unlimited London Insurance plc. which had discretion of the court was conprovided legal expenses insurance centrated upon the procedural and to the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that he was not persuaded that it would always be appropriate to order liability insurers to pay a plaintiff's costs where they had unsuccessfully defended a claim made against their insured if the result of such an order would be to render them liable beyond their contractual limit of cover. The appropriate order might

intermeddling" in the dispute.

well turn on the facts. Sun Alliance had funded the plaintiffs' litigation under a commercial agreement but that was the only ground that could validly he advanced in support of the contention that they should be ordered to pay Young's costs. In particular, they had no interest in the result: did not initiate the lingation: exercised no control over its conduct; and could not be accused of "wanton and officious

under Convention

In re S (a Minor) (Abduction: European Convention) Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Evans and Sir lain

Dudgment December 181 Rights of custody" for the purpose

of the European Convention on the ecognition and Enforcement of Decisions Concerning the Custody requirements to those required in rights of custody under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction 1980 (Crind 8281); so that a parent who had an interim care and control order made in his lavour had an order for custody within the scope of both Conventions.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by a father against a decision of Mr L Swift, QC sitting as a deputy High Court judge, that neither Convention applied to the case of the appellant's son who had been rem from the jurisdiction.

The court declared that the child had been wrongfully retained our of the jurisdiction by his grand-mother and aunt contrary to article 3 of the Hague Convention and had been unlawfully removed from the jurisdiction contrary to article 12 of the European

Miss Judith Parker. QC and Miss Maureen Mullaly for the father: Miss Patricia Scotland, QC and Lord Phillimore for the grandmother and aunt.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLERinterim care and control gave the father rights of custody, albeit that were on an interim hasis and

he shared them with the High Court. He had the right to take the child anywhere within England and Wales and to prevent any other person from removing the child from him without an order of the court.

The child was habitually resident in England at the time of his removal to Ireland and remained so thereafter. The father obtained rights of custody and on being served with the order requiring th return of the child to England the retention by the aunt was wrongful within the meaning of article 3 of the Hague Convention.

There were few decision in English law on the interpretation of the European Convention. The national frontiers by a person without a legal right to care for him appeared to be unique in the English courts applying the international Conventions.
Looking at the travaux préparatoires of each Convention

but particularly the report on the European Convention it was clear that the situation created by the present facts had not been contemted by the authors.

It had been argued that a person who had been granted care and control under a wardship order did not come within article 1 of the European Convention but the inclusion of wardship in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985. by which a custody order was defined for the purposes of section 21, and which applied to both Conventions, was the answer to that argumeni.

Solicitors: Fletcher Dervish &

Related civil and criminal actions Rights of custody Caution urged in testing committal case

Prosecutions Before Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Collins

[Judgment December 2] A solicitor was entitled to request an old style committal for the purpose of testing whether or not an essential witness would arrend court, but caution should be exercised in such cases, and action taken only on the clearest written instructions from the client.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Mr Simon Neill, against the decision of Oxford Justices on January 19. 1996 to make a wasted costs order

of £142 against him. Mr Neill, 2 solicitor whose client was charged with indecent assault, on instructions had requested the instices to hold an old style committed anticipating that the complainant would not turn up at court. When she did appear with the intention of giving evidence.

Mr Neill agreed that a paper
committal would be satisfactory and she need not give oral evi dence. The justices made a waster costs order against Mr Neill finding that he had acced unreasonably.

Mr David Taylor for the appellant; Mr Rhodri Price Lewis for LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN

said that the appellant learnt from his client that the complainant, who was known to him, might not pursue her complaint. Without the complainant's evidence there was no case at all and the appella decided to have an old style committal, under section 6(1) of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980, to see

Neill v Director of Public if the complainant gave evidence. It had been said that the appellant should have contacted the prosecutor to investigate the truth of the matter.

His Lordship said that it should not be forgotten that the appellant's duty was to do his best for his client, and the appellant might reasonably be concerned that if the police were warned they mighty contact the complainant to firm

up her evidence.

Mr Price Lewis relied on R v
Epping and Harlow Justices, Ex parte Massaro (1973) QB 433). In that case Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, had said that the function of committal proceedings was as a safeguard to ensure that no one stood trial unless a prima facie case had been made out. Massaro did not assist. In that case there was evidence other than that of the

complainant.
It seemed that the justices did not appreciate that the appellant was seeking a situation where there was no prima facte case against his client. In Ridehalgh v Horsefield (1994) Ch 205) the acid test for making a wasted costs order was stated to be whether the conduct in question admitted of a reasonable explanation. Although others might have taken a different course, the appellant's conduct

was reasonable. His Lordship added that in such circumstances solicitors should be very cautious and only act upon the clearest instructions in writing.
The appeal would be allowed and the wasted costs order

Mr Justice Collins agreed. Solicitors: Arnold du Fen. Conley: Crown Prosecution Service. Abingdon A CO LO

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Bankrupt entitled to instruct solicitor

Nelson v Nelson and Others Before Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Waller

[Judgment December 6]

A solicitor who unknowingly represented an undischarged bankrupt in commencing proceedings relating to his property had authority to so act because a bankrupt had authority to retain him and accordingly the solicitor was not liable for costs thereby

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Aslam Heath, a former firm of solicitors, against the decision of Judge Marr-Johnson sitting as a judge of the High Court on May 16, 1995 whereby he ordered under the inherent jurisdiction of the court that the appellants pay the costs of an application for a Mareva injunction including the costs of two hearings.

The appellants had been instructed by Mr Nelson to take all appropriate steps to protect his The appellant so acted entirely

in innocence of the fact that Mr elson was, as it later transpired, an undischarged bankrupt.

appellants; Mr Richard Evans for the third respondent.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that a bankrupt was entitled to bring any action except one relating to his property. That meant that he had capacity and authority to retain solicitors. A solicitor, as the appellant

contended, who lent his name to the commencement of proceeding the commencement of proceedings thereby said that he had a client, that the client bore the name of the party to the proceedings and that that client had authorised the proceedings.

He did not represent that the Mr Guy Mansfield, QC, for the client had a good cause of action.

in writing with full particulars of a

in commencing the proceeding therefore, the appellant had had authority to do so and warranted no more than that. Accordingly any discretion exercised by the judge should have been exercised in favour of the

apoellants. * Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gil-bert: H. Omar & Co, Battersea.

Correction In Johnson v HM Prison Service

and Others (The Times December 31, 1996) the solicitor for the complainant was Ms Penelope Grant, Victoria.

Court of Appeal

Drugs confiscation orders

Regina v Bentham (John

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Sachs and Mr Justice Toulson Judgment December 5 Guidance on confiscation orders

was given by the Court of Appeal. Criminal Division, when relusing two renewed applications for leave to appeal against sentence and orders under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986. John Preston Bentham had enlisted Paul John Clark and a friend. Watkins, to assist in a conspiracy over a period of lo

months to produce amphetamine to the value of £35 million. Both applicants had entered quilty pleas and following inquiries into the amount of their assets they were sentenced on July 18, 1945. Bentham was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment and Clark

Additionally, a confiscation order of \$3,139,599 was made against Bentham and he was ordered to serve 10 years in defaul of payment. A confiscation order of \$3,000 was made against Clark and he was ordered to serve two years in default.

Mr James Curtis, QC, for the Crown: Mr James Turner for Clark: Mr R Alun Jones, QC, for

Ltd and Others Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss.

Fined v Shand Construction

Lord Justice Evans and Sir lain

(Jadement December 18)

A proviso to a clause preventing the assignment of the benefit of a sub-contract allowing the assignment without consent of "any sum which is or may become due and payable to him under this subcontract" did not operate to allow the assignment of the right to take whatever preliminary steps were necessary to establish that a particular quantified sum was due and payable, but only the assignment of the right to recover sums

which were established to be due. The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants. Shand Construction Ltd. Morrison Shand Construction Ltd and Morrison Construction Ltd. from a decision of Judge Thornton. sining as an official referee, allowing the substitution of David Charles Flood as plaintiff in place of Floods of Queensferry Ltd. the sub-contractors.

Mr Colin Reese, QC and Ms Chantal-Aimee Doerries for the appellant: Mr John Power, QC

said that there were difficulties in establishing whether any goods were the product of drug traffick ing. Accordingly the Act contained an unusual statutory presumption (in section 2) on which the court muld rely in arriving at a decision. That prior assumption could be rebuiled by a defendant. The effect and meaning of the

Act as summarised by Lord Lane. Lord Chief Justice, in R v Dickens (1990) 2 QB (02) was accepted by The first question the court had to ask was: Whether the defendant

appeared to be sentenced for a drug trafficking offence section 10). The second was whether the defendant had benefited from drug trafficking: section 1(2). That had to be considered in the light of sections (ii) and 20). In

answering that, the court was not bound to make the statutory assumptions in section 2(3) The circumstances in which a court might exercise its discretion had been addressed by Lord Justice Staughton in R v Redbourn ([1492] 1 WLR 1182). His Lordship said that the criticism of that view in R v Rose (1993) 1 WLR 534) appeared to be based on a misunderstanding of what Lord Jus-

tice Staughton had said. Having considered the words of Lord Justice Auld in R v Khan tunreported. CA. February 26.

and Mr Andrew Stafford for the

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said

that "sum" in the proviso meant a

fixed or liquidated amount. The

amount either "is" due and priy-

able at the time of the assignment

in which case there was an existing

claim in debt, or "may become

due" and payable at some future

date. In that case the assignment

was of the future anticipated right

If there was a claim for addi-

tional remuneration as in Yeardle

v Lenn Realisation 12d (1999) 47

Con LR is that right could not be

assigned, but there could be an

to claim that amount as a debt.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE 1996) his Lordship stated that whether or not the Redbourn annmach was correct the court could exercise its discretion when it was reasonable to do so.

If the court made the statutory assumptions in section 2(3)(a) and (b) the next stage involved two First, did the property appear to

have been held by the defendant sing-conviction or since the beginning of the six-year period for the making of the statutory Second, had any expenditure since the beginning of the six-year

period been met out of payments made by the defendant? The court could make use of prima facie evidence in an-wering those two questions. The next if the court made the statutory assumptions, was to ask

whether any payment made to the defendant was a reward from drug Whether the court applied the presumption or relied on evidence or both, where the defendant had benefited from drug trafficking the next question would be what the value of the drug trafficking was:

sections 233(a), bile; and 2(3), Once it was clear what amount 4(4), 4 and 5, the court was obliged to make an order in that amoun under section 1994.

recover the sum awarded by an

Nimilarly, a claim for damage

could not be assigned until such

time as the amount way fixed and

there was a finding or an ad-

mission that the sum was due.

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arbitrator or a judgment debt.

It was open to the defendant to return to the court if the realisable property was inadequate for the amount to be recovered under section 4(1) in the present case, his Lordship

said that it was clear beyond argument that the trial judge had made the proper assumptions. The applicants had failed to show that they had had any significant source of income other than from drug trafficking. It was therefore entirely appropriate for the judge to make the orders he had made. Both applicants had appealed against the length of the terms of

imprisonment imposed in default of payment. His Lordship referred to R v Spraiber ((1994) 15 Cr App R (S) S2I). The question a judge had to ask was what period, not exceeding the statutory maximu was necessary in coerce a particular defendant into paying the

amount ordered. The court would take into a count the fact that the larger the sum of money involved the greater would be the incentive on the defendant to upt for a prison sentence to avoid payment. Where there was a lack of assets the court could vary the order. Here, there was no basis for holding that the terms imposed were longer than was necessary.

Service, Headquarters; Berry & Berry, Tonbridge.

payable, but it could be important

to him that he should operate the

contractual machinery, or ar-bitrate or lingate, only with the

Solicitors Crown Prosecution Limit to effect of assignment clause

> party with whom he had chosen to The nature and some of the proceedings might be the same whether or not they were conducted by the sub-contractor, but chances of settlement or of

Sir Jain Glidewell delivered concurring judgment and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed. Solicitors Morrison Skirrow

agrecing particular issues could be

affected by the identity of the other

Pursuing deceased's appeal Regina v W (Crime: Pursu-

ing deceased's appeal) A widow seeking to clear the stigma from the name of her deceased husband, who had appealed against conviction of an indecent assault on his daughter was entitled to pursue the appeal under section 44A of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, inserted by sec-

tion 7(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division And Bingliam of Combill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Sachs and Mr Justice Toulson) so held on December 17 when granting what was believed to be the first such application under section 44A but dismissing the appeal on the merits. The deceased died aced 46 from

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been sentenced to its mouths

imprisonment by Judge Hupkin

after conviction at Normacham

Crawn Court (Mr Recorder Metcalf and a jury).

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that, had their Lordships been persuaded that the conviction was misafe, they would have owed a duty to the cause of truth and justice so to rule and that duty was unaffected by the death of the deceased in such a case, where only the intervention of death had prevented the defendant himself from pursuing his appeal.

Underwriters cannot avoid liability

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice

Judgment December 171 Underwriters relying on the standard terms of their claims proce-dure could not repudiate liability for indemnifying the insured for costs incurred in defending itself in itigation arising out of an acciden during repair work carried out to Uppark House.

occurence likely to give rise to a claim did not arise, there being no more than a possibility in the immediate aftermath of the accident that a claim would be made against the insured. The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Mr David Lowe, representing himself and the other underwriters of Lloyd's syndicate 657. from the judgment

The requirement that the insured give immediate notice of any Two workmen died and there was

of Judge Thorpe. QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on official referees' business.

on May 5, 1995, upholding the claim of the plaintiff, Layher Ltd, that it was entitled under its policy to be indemnified for the costs of litigation it had incurred. Mr Richard Mawrey, QC, for the underwriters: Mr John Black-

dard for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE said that in 1989 a temporary roof was erected on scaffolding over Uppark House in Sussen, a National Trust property, in order to facilitate renairs to fire damage. In January

Two years later, the National Trust had brought proceedings against the scaffolding contractors. The plaintiff had supplied compo-nents to the contractors for the fitting of the roof and it was in due course joined as a party to the litigation. The proceedings were compromised after the trial had started but the plaintiff advanced a claim under its insurance for its

costs which under the compromise

it bore itself. By condition 13 of the standard Lloyd's Commercial, industrial and Contractors Combined Liability Insurance an assured "shall give immediate notice

happening of any ocurrence likely to give rise to a claim. rn, QC and Mr Andrew God-The underwriters had repudiated liability for the claim on the ground that the incident itself was an "occurrence likely to give rise to a claim" and the plaintiff had given no immediate notice of that courrence so that there was no

liability under the insurance. The question was whether, looking at the matter objectively. assuming in favour of the underwriters that that was what one had to do, there was an occurrence likely to give rise to a claim under

the certificate of insurance. The occurrence on which the underwriters relied was the incident of January 1990. Since condition 13 required immediate notice to be given, it seemed to follow that the question had to be answered by reference to the state of affairs as it existed immediately after the incident. Mr Mawrey accepted, correctly,

that "likely" meant at least a 50 per

cent chance of a claim being made.

Court of Appeal

What he was unable to do was to show that a claim was likely. The plaintiff had not design the scaffolding or the roof but had merely supplied components including securing wedges. Noth-ing suggested that the incident had ing suggested that the incident in resulted from any fault in what the

plaintiff had supplied.
Accepting that in this litigious age it might be said, at the time in estion, that a claim was possib by the National Trust or the contractors by way of seeking to pass on the claim made on them or indeed by others. But the condition used the expression "likely" not possible". It could not be said that the underwriters had brought themselves within the wording of

condition 13. Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Brooke agreed. Solicitors: Lloyd Cooper:

Scots Law Report January 8 1997 Outer House

Rejection insufficient for counter-notice

Scottish Life Assurance Co Ltd v Agfa-Gevaert Ltd Before Lord Pennse

Dudement November 291

Where a rent-review clause in a lease provided for the landlords to serve notice of their proposed new nent, and bound the tenants to pay that rent unless within one month they served a counter-notice stating the figure they proposed instend, a counter-notice stating simply that the landlords figure was rejected did not imply that the tenants were proposing that the rent should remain at its existing level and was therefore insufficient

to prevent the landlords' figure

from becoming the new rent. Lord Pennse, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, granting decree in favour of the Somish Life Assurance Co Ltd. in an action brought by them against Agfa-Gevaert Ltd. Mrs Anne Smith, QC, for the pursuers: Mr James Drummond-

shall be deemed to have accepted that yearly rent as the open market rent unless they shall within one month of the receipt of such notice serve a counter-notice stating the figure which they considered to represent the open-market rent " On November 8, 1995, the pursuers served on their tenants, the

defenders, notice that they re-

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Young, QC, for the defenders.

LORD PENROSE said that the

lease provided that upon service of

notice of the new rent "The tenants

quired "the rent to be reviewed to the sum of £90,000". The defenders replied on November 10 actions ledging receipt of the notice and stated: "We reject your proposals to increase the rent and we have instructed our agent to act on our behalf. You will be hearing from him. A month followed without further correspondence. In his Lordship's opinion, it was

an essential requirement of a valid

counter-notice under the clause

that, expressly or by necessary

implication from its terms, the

document relied on expressed a figure which represented the tenants' view of the open-market rent Those were the plain terms of the clause and there was nothing in the rest of the lease which would contradict them. Precisely why the clause stipulated for a figure was not at all clear. The arbitration provisions did not restrict the

arbiter to a range of values determined by the notice and ner-notice. That being so, the figures contained therein might have little significance at the end of the day. But that could not entitle one to ignore or qualify the language used, which was mandatory in character: see Muir Construction Lid v Hambly Ltd (1990 SLT 830) and Capital Land Holdings Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment (1996 SCLR 75).

The defenders' contention was that on its terms the letter could be the market rent was the pre-existing rent see Patel v Earlspring Properties Ltd [1991] 2 EGLR 131): Prudential As Co Ltd v Smith's Foods (1991 SLT

Scottish authorities showed a disinclination to require formalities in such circumstances: see Yates, Petitioner (1987 SLT 86) and E. A. E. (R. T.) Ltd v E. A. E. Property Ltd (1994 SLT 627) Three English cases indicated the present test there. In Nunes v

Davies Laing and Dick Ltd [[1985] P & CR 310] the test applied to determine whether a document was a qualifying notice was whether it was in terms which were sufficiently clear to bring home to the ordinary landlord that the tenant was purporting to exercise the right conferred on him by the lease in relation to an election for arbitration.

In Prudential Property Services Ltd v Capital Land Holdings Ltd ([1993] | EGLR 128) Judge Colyer, QC, analysed the earlier author ries and in a similar content said; ... it is, in my view, sufficient that to be an effective counter-notice a letter makes it clear that the tenant is exercising the relevant election: and the tenant may do that either by indicating that the letter is a counter-notice under the relevant clause or by spelling out the

consequences which he seeks to

Josetretch Manufacturing Ltd [1981] EGER 489. The test was one of clarity of purpose. In Patel Lord Justice Woolf had observed (ar pi32) that clauses of the kind in question were intended

to be applied sensibly by landlerds and tenants for dealing with restal "Particularly when they refer to commercial prémises, they are commercial coverants intended to deal with a commercial situation and, in my view they should always be approached with a sensible degree of common sense One required clarity, but, in the context of the business dealings of commercial people that seemed to his Lordship to be consistent with

test of what would be conveyed by a document to a reasonable and neutral person. In his Lordship's opinion the defenders letter could not be construed as a counter-notice within the terms of the clause if one adopted a reasonable and neutral stance and examined its terms in a common-sense way, given the

the approach of Lord Davidson in Yares (arp91) where he adopted the

It was no more than an intime. tion that the defender disputed the level of rent for which the pursuers contended and had engaged pro-(essiona) help.

business context.

Law agents: Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS; Gillespie

Both cases relied on the decision -MacAndrew, WS. Bench Divisional THE TIMES WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8 1997

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Caution urge The secretary in testing The secretary committal case now dictates

With higher qualifications and greater IT skills, there is a new pivot in the office, says Joan Llewellyn Owens

ecent downsizing of organisations, parcial sector, has led to ticularly in the financlerical and managerial redundancies and a new perception of what the secretary's

Middle managers are being encouraged to type their own letters, manage their own dia-: Ties and send their own e-mail. They no longer have secretaries of their own, although top management usually retains a C.PA. Some firms, such as IBM, allow managers to dictate to a computer, by means of voice recognition

This downsizing and the fact that the technical handling skills of secretaries today have outstripped those of the people they work for have led to a new pivotal role for secretaries - as co-ordinators, communicators and organisers (CCOs). Sue Griffin, Human Resources Senior Organisational Consultant for Digital Ltd. said at the recent education forum organised by Fasttrack:

Secretaries are responsible for marrying up all the work that has to be done and distributing it to managers, who may be either hot-desking or in other locations." Secretaries may work for as

many as 80 people, as in her department at the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, says Mary Lou Carrington, Direc-tor of Business Development at Liffe. Susan Vinnicombe, Dean of Management and Administrative Faculty at Cranfield School of Management, spoke of secretaries as liaising between marketing, sales, PR and personnel. In some cases they were replac-

ing middle managers.

Birmingham Ter reports that secretarial roles will increasingly centre around: gatekeeping workloads for managers, providing support for other team members, independent work managing specific projects and using and managing more advanced IT applications.

There are new positions, too, for network managers to integrate all the technology. At the Coolfin Partnership, an Irish-based IT consultancy, one person combines the roles of network supervisor, secretary to the partners and training manager.

Former secretaries, given training, run business centres providing worldwide technology platforms for customers of Regus. Digital's "touchdown" centres for staff are also managed by ex-secretaries. The secretary almost always

used to be in a subservient role, with little opportunity for advancement. The suggestion was made at the forum that if secretaries were given a different title, such as CCO, executive assistant, office manager, administrator, it would be easier to provide a proper career structure, with the opportunity to move into management, if wished.

In Birmingham, because of the increasing professional nature of secretarial work, more



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and more employers are seeking graduate secretaries, says David Greer, information serrices manager of the Birmingham Tec: "If you don't provide a structure that allows these training manager Rita Moss. people to move up in the company, you will end up with dissatisfied people at the secre-

the jobs they are doing." Some organisations are ready to do just this. Andersen Consulting, Coopers & Lybrand and 3M are among those looking into the secretary's role and considering renaming them. At Coopers & Lybrand they train their secretaries not only in the latest

tarial level, overqualified for

software, but in interpersonal and communication skills. project management and business awareness.

"Our secretaries,"

"have always had an opportunity to go into management." The Birmingham Tec has investigated the changes and issues for clerical and secretarial staff in the area, and asks - but does not answer the question: "Will people unable to finance themselves through a degree equivalent course become excluded from becoming secretaries?

Because workers now need a greater degree of knowledge

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of basic IT, clerical staff in Birmingham are blocked, unable to follow the traditional route into secretarial work. "As companies downsize." says Mr Greer. "more and more clerical staff are going to be unemployed, if that hap-

pens, I would not be surprised

if there is a rising degree of dissatisfaction." Others think similarly. At the forum. Dr Vinnicombe discussed the "survivor syndrome" in offices that have been downsized, "Survivors," she said, were often overlooked, thus morale was very low. The fun had gone out of

work, as had the loyalty. She

quoted one senior manager as saying: "What we've lost most

is personal networks." Though most secretaries welcome increased responsibilities, some grumble. During one workshop, Coopers & Lybrand's Rita Moss said their secretaries thought the managers were doing the interesting jobs and leaving the boring work to them. At 3M the telephone was said to be the secretary's bugbear. Secretaries who wanted to take on project work were interrupted by having to answer managers' telephones when they

were out. It would seem that secretaries sometimes need to be more assertive. "Do the women here feel they must defer to the chaps because they are men?" asked Mary Baker, chairman of Tourism for All and formerly president of Women in Management She had just pointed out that most of the working party presentations at the forum had been made

by men, despite the fact that only 20-25 per cent of those present were male.

away from the macho hierarchical pyramid," she added. "We are working in teams and devolving responsibility. Women have a management style which is co-operative and consultative and flexible. Women are sensitive to what people are looking for. Technology is a great communicating tool wholly in line with women's natural skills, yet only one in five women is going into computing courses in higher

education. The need for each secretary to think of herself as Me plc and take responsibility for increasing her own efficiency and knowledge was constantly explained during the forum. Job security, said managers, depended on keeping her skills constantly updated.

FOUR STEPS TO WIDER HORIZONS

FOUR pilot courses by the Industrial Society, to help secretaries to widen their skills and contribution, are planned for January, Sally Watts writes. Each lasts two days. Today and tomorrow feature Business Writing Skills; it includes writing grammatically and composing letters, reports and minutes. Project Management, on the 23rd and 24th, will show the techniques needed to move from a support to an active role. It is followed by Interpersonal Skills — negotiating, persuading, influencing — on the 28th and 29th. Finally, Professional Skills. such as communications and understanding the role and responsibilities, is on the 30th and 31st. All are in London, but will probably develop nationwide. Tel: 0171-262 2401.

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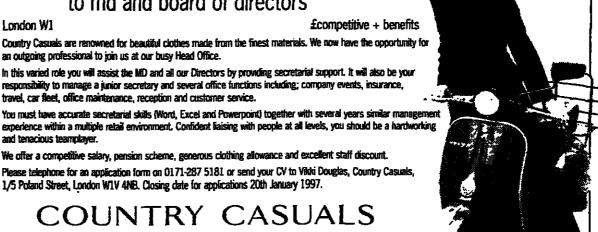
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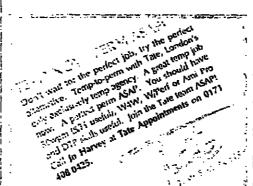
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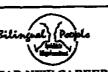
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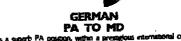
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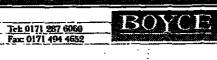
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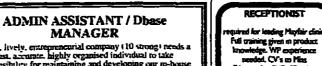
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Association (TBA), Rhydian Morgan-Jones, is to seek election to the British Horseracing Board (BHB) after fresh rumblings of discontent surfaced rday over the leadership and structure of the sport's governing body.

The latest criticism of the BHB emerged at the TBA's annual meeting where members called for more positive leadership and changes to the make up of the board to counter the overpowering influence of racecourses.

Bob McCreery said: "There seems to be universal agreement that the BHB is not carrying out the leadership racing needs. The issue is how that can be remedied. The fundamental point is that the make up of the BHB board is wrong and needs to be changed. The board has not shaken down very well and there needs to be change. That is basic; everyone in racing knows that."

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Nick Robinson, one of the original BHB directors, said that after four years a review of the BHB's constitution and its industry committee was now due. Any one at the recent industry committee forum who listened to the three people on the platform - Lord Wakeham, Matthew McCloy and Tristram Ricketts - got the strong impression they are out of touch with their con-

Lady Burnham, president of

THE outgoing chairman of ation, said the BHB had the Thoroughbred Breeders' rather lost its identity and had become sectionally divided because of the increasing power of the racecourses. The board has lost its original purpose of il men good and true working for the whole interest of racing."

Although owners and racecourses are represented on the BHB, along with the Jockey Club, breeders have no direct voice and are represented, along with trainers, jockeys and other groups, via the industry committee. Lord Swaythling is due to stand down as one of the industry sittee's directors on the

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board in June and Morgan-Jones has told friends he intends to stand for election. Addressing yesterday's annual meeting, he welcomed the announcement by Lord Wakeham of a review of racing's problems but said that at the end of the consultation there would have to be decisions and actions. "And that is the job of the BHB. It will have to grasp the mantle of leadership to which it has always been entitled, but until

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Eyre hopes Wali, who has been suffering from corns, will recapture the sparkle of his earlier days. Photograph: Michael Powell

The benefits of a confident Eyre

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He has brought to the top of the trainers' table a blue-collar ethic no less distinct than his horses' red bridles. He trains not for stockbrokers and landed gentry but for the likes of shop owners, market traders. ordinary folk who spend more time in Barnsley than Barbados.

"I would like to have the sort of owner who could spend 50 grand on a yearling, but nobody has come along with that sort of money so far," Eyre said. "I tell people that if Sheikh Mohammed decided to send me

seven horses it might spoil the place." Hambleton House had lain empty for nearly two years after the death of the previous occupant, Will Pearce, in June 1992. Eyre arrived two years ago. happy memories.

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He conducted a nationwide search until the day he drove 700 dizzying feet up Sutton Bank in the Vale of York and found the yard which suited his needs. "I wanted to train winners on the Flat and over jumps, all year round, and some great trainers have been here," he said.

When he told of his plans, wisdom had it that the place was too high and too cold to keep horses going in the winter. But, like his new neighbours at the gliding school, Eyre saw the altitude as a launchpad to even greater heights.

We are 1,300 feet up here. It is very cold and clear and I think it makes the horses' lungs stronger and healthier," he said. "And a lot of them who come here with niggling problems, like bad backs or legs, seem to thrive. But the cold will be the death of me." Hacking and wheezing. Eyre Land Rover not a horse. "I gave up riding five stones ago," he said.

His all-weather gallop has failed to live up to its name during the freeze and he takes them to Southwell for fast work. At home, they can only trot by, led by one of Eyre's assistants. Ben Beasley, while in the office the other, Finbarr O'Mahony, handles entries and declarations. Both men are former trainers and an integral part of the yard's success.

The iob of trainer is now too big for one man." Evre said. "You have to delegate. It is no good paying a man to do something then having to doing

yre said he wants to motivate everyone to feel part of the yard's success. His relationship with his assistants, and theirs with the staff, is the same directormanager-worker structure he learned

Twenty years ago, he was selling kitchens for a company in Halifax when he and a colleague decided they ders and squares up to another Nine years later, they sold out for be a beach on the sand.

attention from Formica to four legs. A friend reckons he could still sell sand to the Arabs, but he prefers to win races on the stuff these days.

Eyre is not an all-weather specialist. He has won valuable races on the grass with sprinters like Nigrasine and Sobering Thoughts, stayers like Tethys, hurdlers like Midland Glenn. His 60-box yard overflows with durable, professional racehorses once cast off as delicate and disappointing.

He singles out Wali as the next to benefit from the individual attention he makes his credo. Useful in his younger days but now seven, the gelding came from another trainer who had despaired of persistent hoof problems. Turns out it was only corns," Eyre said, "His troubles are behind him now, touch wood, and he's off a plater's mark.

Eyre will be hoping for further success with this three runners at Wolverhampton today, Celestial Choir, Chemcast and Barrel Of Hope. But if they don't come home in front he will carry on with the same since when there have been only throws a coat over his heavy shoul- could do it better than the bosses. strident purpose. He knows life can

Smyly stands for election "I have been encouraged to

now has been either unwilling

AN INTRIGUING election battle loomed last night after Mark Smyly confirmed that he is standing against Peter Cundell for the presidency of the National Trainers' Federation (NTF) (Richard Evans

year, Smyly has been persuaded to contest next month's. election by a number of trainers, dissatisfied with the shootfrom the hip approach of

12.30 Attribute

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GOING: STANDARD

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

12.30 MALIBU MAĪDEN STĀKĒS

(Div I: 3-Y-0: £2,916: 7f) (9 runners)

2.00 Tea Party

3.30 GOLDEN HADEER

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 Hint Of Victory. 2.00 DOCTOR BRAVIOUS (nap), 2.30 Master Of Passion.

stand by a lot of people and have been proposed by Peter Walwyn and seconded by William Jarvis. Although I live near Lambourn, I know many people in the Newmarket area and have a lot of interests in

Smyly added: "I believe in a firm NIF voicing the opinion of everybody and not just the opinions of individuals. It is especially important that the British Horseracing Board. style.

THUNDERER

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,B,S) (Miss D Robinson) B Halt 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME Wolverhampton: 200 Tea Party. 3.30 Red

FORM FOCUS

2.30 Lord Sky

8:00 Bon Secret 3:30 Beaumont

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

4.00 BARREL OF HOPE (nap)

Smyly trained at Lambourn for 16 years before becoming racing manager to Tony Budge. More recently, he has helped the East Everleighbased Richard Hannon, one of the trainers who has resigned

He added: "Our message to the BHB is simple: assume the

manue of leadership and act

now to redirect us to a prosper-

ous racing and breeding in-

dustry without regard to your

sectional interests. Leave those

to the industry committee

which is well equipped and efficient at handling them."

despite the surge in bloodstock.

prices at the yearling sales during the autumn "all is not

well in the state of British racing and breeding".
"What should concern us in

this country about the market

trend is that it is being fuelled

by foreign buyers against a declining domestic interest.

The huge prize-money advan-

tages enjoyed by other racing countries mean they can aff-

ord to pay more for racehorses

than domestic purchasers can.

It follows that the quality of, and with it the interest in,

British racing will decline."

Morgan-Jones continued:

"It also means that other more

affluent breeding countries,

and my fear is that Japan is

only the tip of the iceberg, will

pay more for breeding stock.

and thus ultimately our breed-

ing industry will become sec-

cluded: "At risk are not only

the substantial revenues en-

joyed by government, but also a great British industry and tradition, which is responsible

for one in eight of the agricul-

tural workforce with over £2

billion of assets employed, the

ond rate."

Earlier, he warned that

hardly be more stark. Cundell, who enjoys his role in racing politics, is outspoken and

1.00 MALIBU MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-0: £2,900: 71) (8 runners) (2) 5- COLD STEEL 85 (A Penney) W Javes 9-0 S Sanders 8
(1) HRT OF WCTORY (Sr. Thomas Pilangier) M Bell 9-0 G Faultoner (5)
(7) 8050- MSHIDOZA 92 (Bit Delance Pinns) D Musey Smith 9-0 D Hamison (6)
(8) 0333-2 SICURGOUSE 5 (1 Brookley, Middletam Park Racing V) P Hastam 9-0 S Drowne 8
(8) 0333-2 SICURGOUSE 5 (1 Brookley, Middletam Park Racing V) P Hastam 9-0 S Drowne 8
(8) 44006- HEARMANDS PEARL SQ. (1 Morgan) Halfimshead 8-9 F Lynch (3) FLynch (3) F SICURGOUSE 5 (1 Morgan) Halfimshead 8-9 I Sprake

BETTING: 5-4 Scoorcege, 5-1 Heathyards Pearl, 6-1 Cold Steel, Reeds, 8-7 Sierre Creek, Host CN Victory, 10-1 others 1998: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

COLD STEEL 5/ki 5th of 10 to Allitude in malden at Leicester (7, good to farm), MENIDOZA 81/113b, of 20 to Mean Fold Of Sout in handcap at Warnet, firm, good to form), SOUDAPOULGE 27 and of 8 to Braille Fastisty in handcap at Southwell (AW, 60).

Selection: SOUDAPOURSE

1.30 BAHLEY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,433: 6f) (13 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

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2.00 JAFFA HANDICAP (Div I: £5,251: 1m 11 79yd) (9 runners)

1998: BERNAPO SEVEN 4-9-4 J Weaver (14-1) C British 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

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2.30 HOLLAND FINNEY & ASSOCIATES HANDICAP

(3) 500112- RAMSEY HOPE 54 (V.CD.F.G.) (C Bather-Lorent) C Fantural 4-TiD-0 N Kensady
(1) 344450- DAVIDE FLYER 149 (D.F.G.) (Dardelon Dr.d 140) D Arbatinol 4-9-12 D Griffins (5)
(2) 000041- MASTER OF PASSIGN 26 (D.F.G.S.) 44 Avec) J Ecsace 8-9-11 D Sweamey (5)
(7) 002006- SHADOW JERY 19 (B.CD.F.G.S.) (Mr. J Crepment) D Crapmen 7-9-9 L Chamock (7) 002006- StADOW ARM 19 (B.CD.F.G.S) Refs. J Crepnent J Crepnent J-9 L Chemock. 93 (84 430014- CHELICAST 34 (B.D.F.G.) (Chapte Dept. Proc 103 J Ferr 4-9 B. R. Lappin 96 (9) 005040- LORD SKY 25 (CD.F.G.S) (R Belley A Balley 6-9-5 G. Carter 197 (6) 500253 ALRA 2 (CD.E.S.) (Statistical Proc 1 Marc 6 Kebeway 7-8-2 J Quinn 97 (4) 000003- SCTOMBAN 11 (T Dozo) P Felipste 4-7-10 J Brambill (7) 85

BETTING: 2-1 Master Of Passion. 5-2 Ramsey Hope, 7-2 Chemicast, 8-1 Shadow Jory, 10-1 Algaz, 12-1 Cande Figer 14-7 others

1996. SHADOW JURY 5-9-13 L Charrock (9-1) D Chapman 13 ran FORM FOCUS

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3.00 BASH SELLING STAKES (£2,433: 1m 100yd) (13 runners)

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3 (6) 0440-0 DESERT LORE 4 (6) (A Notherson) B Mobelia: 6-9-0 ... A Celfore 65

4 (4) 40/1004 EL BARDADOR 58 (7) (P Sade) R Notices 4-9-0 ... S Drowne 65

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8 (12) 51/564-2 SPRECER'S REVINEE 5 (B.C.D.F.G) (Rise Reving) N Trakes 9-9 O G Barbiere 19 (11) ... BO-9 ALARIA'S SALLAD 7 (R Rosmon D Home, G Pountins) B Burgh 48-9 D Sriffins (5) 71

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1996. MAPLE BAY 7-8-12 P Roberts (11-4 tav) A Badey 13 can

FORM FOCUS

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3.30 JERICHO HANDICAP

(£3,420: 1m 6f 166yd) (9 runners) | 12 | 504005 | NOUFARI 32 (CD,G) (E Westman) R Helinshead 6-10-0 | F Lynch (31 93 2) (3) 21/0500 | NOUFARI 32 (CD,G) (E Westman) R Helinshead 6-10-0 | F Lynch (31 93 2) (3) 21/0500 | NOUFARI 32 (F,G) (M Johnson) M Meaghes 6-9-9 | A Cultisine 89 3 (1) 253114 | BEAUMONT 75 (C.F.G.S) (P Cunonigham) J Banks 7-9-5 | J Ountin 95 (6) 00040-5 EVEDO NEFD 4 (S) (T Clarke N Lutimodes 5-9-11 | D Griffiths (5) 93 (7) 225033 | STEPLING FELLOW (BJ (V.F.) (P Moore) D William 4-8-7 | D Hamson 93 (4) 000103-1 | GOLDEN HADERS 7 (E.S.) (Four Jays Racing) Place) M Paris 5-7 (4e.) A Clark 96 (5) | NOUFARI 32 (CD,E) (Four Jays Racing) Place) M Paris 5-7 (4e.) A Clark 96 (5) | NOUFARI 32 (CD,E) (Four Jays Racing) Place) M Paris 5-7 (Four Jays Racing) Place) M Paris 5-7 (4e.) A Clark 96 (5) | NOUFARI 32 (CD,E) (Four Jays Racing) Place) M Paris 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | J Bramfall (7) | Processing 1 | Mail 7-7-10 | Processing 1 | Ma

Long handicap: Hunting Ground 7-4, Scottish Wedding 6-13 BETTING: 6-4 Golden Hadeer 9-4 Beaumont, 5-1 Sterling Fellow 10-1 Nouter, 12-1 Rood Music Eveno Ruto

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4.00 JAFFA HANDICAP

(Div II: £5,251: 1m 1f 79yd) (9 runners)

BETTING. 5-2 North Reef 7-2 Second Colours. 4-1 Duke Valenting 6-1 Super High 7-1 Ganel Of Hape, 8-7 Cedex to Passage, 10-1 others 1995. BERNARO SEVEN 4-9-4 J Weaver (14-1) C Bratain 13 rain

FORM FOCUS

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Lingfield Park

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Chichester - Tota, 23, 10; 2:10, 2:10, 2:10,
22.80 DF: £4.10 Tho: \$10.70, CSF;
23.37 Tricost: \$42.74

1.30 (7), MISTY CAY (A Dely, 5-2); 2. Broadgate Piyer (3 Sanders, 7-1); 3. Windstorm (M Baird, 14-1). ALSO RAN: Evens taw Masterstroke (4th), 5 Ben's Rodge (Sh), 5 mgr 2, 11, nk, 141, S Dow at Epsom. Totar 22.50, £1:10, £2.20. DF: £17.80. CSF, £16.96.

2.00 (5) 1, GREEN SCULEVARD (G Cater, 5-1): 2, Harmony In Red (M Wigham, 10-1), 3, Eleaterial Paritis (T

Speake, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-11 fav Nopelse, (4th), 20 Incelline (5th), 5 ran, 1 kl, 1 kl, 3l, 2f J Berry et Cockerham. Tota: £6:30; £1:20, £3:10. DF: £17.10. CSF, £37.94.

2.30 (Im 2) 1. CHATEAUHERAULT (S. Drowne, 14-1); 2. Double Espresso (J. Weswer, 2-1 sav); 3. Helio Dolly (D. Sweeney, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Going For Broke (Sth.), 8 Feather Bed, 13-2 Greenwitch Fors (6th.), 12: Barnwood Crackers (4th.), 7 ran 3(I, 8); 14; 12/5; P. Hasiari, at Middlehem. Tote: £21,80, 55,30, £1,30, DF: £25,10, CSF: £41,25.

3.00 (Im) 1, SHANGHAI LIL (F Notion 3.00 (Im) 1, SHANGHAI LL (F-Norton, 7-2); 2, Obserors Boy (W Ryen, 12-1); 3; Sooty Tern (J Weaver, 3-1 fast, ALSO RAN: 6 Begehot (8th): Hartequin Welk, 7 Zahran, 10 Rawl (8th), 12 Superior Force, 14 Mogin, Private Future (4th), 16 Red Rusly, 25 Zamajek: 12 ran, 14(1, 14), 14(1, 14), 14 Fetherston-Godley at East Isley, 10th: 24,30; 23,00; 25,40, 37,40, DF: 272.70, Trice 288.00 CSF: £47.48, Tricest: £138.79.

3.30 (8f) 1. PAGEBOY (J. Weaver, 4-1), 2. Scissor Ridge (S. Sanders, 7-4 tay), 3. Sea: Danzig (D. Harrison, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Saly State (6th), 11-2 Apolio Red (4th), 11 Shashi (5th), 6 ran -21, 141, sh hd, 3lbl, 11 P. Heelern at Middleham. Tote: 53.70; 24.40, 21.30. DF: 25.80, CSF: £11.36.

CSP: 21.38.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,710.87
carried forward to Wolverhampton
today).

Placepot: £83.60. Quadpot: £23.00. ☐ Parrick Haslam, the Midd-leham trainer, improved his strike rate to an average of a winner a day for 1997 when completing a 74-1 double with Chateauherault and Pageboy at Lingfield Park yesterday. He has now saddled seven

winners from 16 runners on

the all-weather this year.

WITH Musselburgh's Friday fixture of-fering the only realistic chance of jump winning a competitive race over course racing this week, the stage today is once

again left to the all-weather Flat meeting

at Wolverhampton (Thunderer writes). A glut of entries has resulted in two races being divided to create a bumper eight-race card at the Midlands track. However, patience should be exercised, as the best bet of the day appears to come in the second division of the Jaffa Handicap.

the final event of the day. While many trainers will have found it impossible to keep their horses fully fit during the recent cold spell, Les Eyre has his string in fine form, and is confident of a bold show from Barrel Of Hope. He is well handicapped on the all-weather

and distance last month.

Barrel Of Hope to resume winning ways

Although subsequently only third over a mile at Southwell, the useful apprentice John Bramhill takes over in the saddle

TODAY'S MEETINGS

PROSPECTS

WINCANTON: abendoned

WOLVERHAMPTON: all-weather meeting PLUMPTON: abandoned. THURSDAY LINGRELD PARK: all-weather meetimo.

WETHERBY: snow (inspection 7.30am today).

Eyre runs Celestial Choir in the first

division of the same contest, and while she should go well, she may be ideally suited by further nowadays and is passed over in favour of Tea Party. Ken Cunningham-Brown's filly

here, and his 71b allowance can help

Barrel Of Hope to return to winning

showed much improved form when tackling the all-weather in the autumn, winning a maiden handicap comfortably before finishing an excellent neck second to Mansur over course and distance. She has not been disgraced on her two starts since in much tougher company in France, and has more scope for improvement than her rivals.

Bold Gait out

BOLD GAIT looks certain to miss this year's Champion Hurdle. His trainer. James Fanshawe, said yesterday: There seems to be a lot of interest in him but I doubt he'll even get an entry."



FOOTBALL

Francis banks on Vega to achieve his European goal

AT OLD Trafford on Sunday, Tottenham Hotspur's season appeared to reach a premature conclusion with the 2-0 FA Cup third round defeat by Manchester United. At Tottenham's training ground in Chigwell, Essex, yesterday, Gerry Francis, the manager. adopted a more optimistic

Francis introduced his latest acquisition — Ramon Vega. the Switzerland international defender - and painted a picture not of doom and gloom, but of hope for the future. Tottenham have only Uefa Cup qualification to keep them occupied over the months ahead and are still beset by an injury list that would test the patience of a saint. A swift return meeting with United at White Hart Lane on Sunday, in the FA Carling Premiership, could damage their morale further. Yet Francis - his capture of Vega, for £3.7 million from Cagliari, of Italy, has taken his outlay to £10.5 million this season - preferred to look at the wider implications. "This club has had enough attention recently for not spending money, but I think the signing of Ramon shows that we have ambition and that we mean

much a squad game, what with injuries, suspensions and losses of form. Perhaps that is what has been missing here over the past couple of seasons. We've now got a nucleus of good young players and a few experienced ones and we're starting to get the depth we need. We've been around the top six or seven places for most of the past two years and getting into Europe is now very important to us. Of course, you are ultimately judged by what silverware you collect. That's why you need a

Souness escapes threat of disciplinary charge

By Our Sports Staff

abuse.

GRAEME SOUNESS, the Southampton manager, will escape disciplinary action by the Football Association after his confrontation with Graham Poll, the referee, at the end of the FA Cup tie at

Reading on Saturday.
Sourcess, angry that Poll had deemed the pitch playable, was separated from Poll by two Reading stewards as the teams left the pitch. Later. Souness said: "Mr Poll has a reputation among the professionals in the game as a man who wants to make a name for himself."

It seemed likely that Souness would be facing his second disciplinary charge of the season, but Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said yesterday: "Graham Poll is not reporting Graeme Souness for business," he said. "Football nowadays is very

good, strong squad."
Francis has also signed

his approach to him after the

Sourcess's remarks, it is

understood that his comments

were not thought sufficiently

vitriolic to be seen as personal

midfield player, has faxed a letter to Brian Little, the

manager, apologising for say-

ing that he wanted to leave the

club. "He said that he was

sorry for the stress caused by

the stories, that he should not

have said what he did to the

press and that it would not

Marino Ramberg this morn-

ing. Ramberg, a forward, was recently named young player

line of trying the diamond

finesse and then leading up to

the king of clubs would also

have worked, but, next time you do that, you will find that

West has Axx of clubs and

East Q 10 x. Or, if you chose to

play a club to the eight. West will hold the ten, and so on.

[] The Macallan international

pairs championship 1997, in

association with The Times

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Hotel, Albany Street, London,

NWI, at the end of January. Session times and prices: Wednesday, January 22: 5.30-

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ilpm E12.50; all day E20; Friday, January 24: 12.30-6.30pm £17.50. Season ticket

for all sessions £35. Tickets are

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□ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

GAMMON

b. Smoked bacon

TREMELLOSE

a. Instruction for vibrato

a. A thigh

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b. Jelly-like c. Tearful

By Philip Howard

and The Sunday Times, will

of the year in Sweden.

Sasa Curcic, the Aston Villa

While the FA did look at

strengthening his options and also semi-appeasing his many critics among the Tottenham supporters, the moves barely capture the imagination.
Supporters of Chelsea, fed on a diet of Vialli, Di Matteo and Zola, are unlikely to be too concerned by their London rivals' team building. Also, much of Francis's best endeav-ours have been diluted by the absences of Darren Anderton, Chris Armstrong and Teddy Sheringham because of inju-

ry. "I must have about £40

million-worth of talent on the

sidelines," he said.

Allan Nielsen, the Denmark

midfield player, Steffen Iversen, the Norway Under-21

forward, and John Scales, the

former Liverpool and Eng-

land defender, this season. However, while undoubtedly

Vega, 25, was born in Switzerland of Spanish parents, speaks five languages and has won 19 caps for his country. He played in Switzerland's three matches in Euro 96 last summer, including the 1-1 draw against England. He could have moved from the Grasshopper Club, of Zurich, to Tottenham soon after, but, instead, chose Cagliari — a decision influenced by his girlfriend, who is Italian. Six months later, with

Cagliari making no impression in Serie A and keen to make a profit on their original £2.7 million investment, Vega became available again. He has now signed a 4½-year contract with Tottenham. "It was a difficult choice for me to make during the summer," Vega said, "but I have enjoyed playing in Italy and it was a good experience for me. Now, am happy to come here." Francis has rarely been able

to field his strongest side this season. The latest arrival could_also cause difficulties, happen again." Little said.

Derby County hope to complete the loan signing of with Francis having to decide

from Vega, Scales, Sol
Campbell and Colin Calderwood - who forms his three-man defence. Strength in depth brings its problems,



Vega, right, will boost the strength of the Tottenham squad, which Francis believes is vital for success

Bolton's powers of recovery tested

BY PETER BALL

BOLTON WANDERERS, struggling to shake off an outbreak of flu, are confident that their Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final against Wimbledon will beat the weather this evening. Whether they will beat Wimbledon, even at Burnden Park, is more problematic.

Already, Chelsea and Tot-tenham Hotspur have been

knocked out of the competition at Bolton this season. Wimbledon are a different proposi-tion, however, as Colin Todd, the Bolton manager admitted, while revealing that his players will use a ghetto-blaster of their own to confront the one that Vinnie Jones and company use to psych out the opposition.

You hear about southern softies coming up and not fancying it," Todd said, "but Wimbledon are not in that category. They will try to

intimidate — but we've got a ghetto-blaster, too. It will be a battle who turns up theirs the

The Bolton machine is in the hands of Nathan Blake, whose taste does not, evidently, suit his manager. On this occa-sion, provided that the flu that affected Blake. Taggart, McGinlay and Lee at the beginning of the week does not return. Todd is happy to indulge Blake's preference for

rap rather than golden oldies. Yet winning what is likely to be a fierce contest on the field will be Bolton's sternest test so far. The game recalls their outstanding FA Cup run to the quarter-finals three years ago when, after beating Everton, Arsenal and Aston Villa, they lost to Oldham Athletic, then

of the Premiership.
The other quarter-final tonight is also expected to go ahead without a problem. There, the resemblances may

end. That Liverpool are one of the best footballing sides in the country is a truism, but, for all their difficulties this season. Middlesbrough, too, are a side

who try to play. Their visit to Anfield last month is not encouraging, but Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, yesterday dismissed that 5-I defeat as having no significance. "We got a good hiding, but there were particular circum-stances, he said.

Emerson had only just returned and his fitness was well down, Robbie Mustoe had a virus and shouldn't have played. We were below par. This game is very different."

Robson is hoping that the league meeting on the opening day of the season, when Ravanelli scored a har trick, will be more relevant. Ravanelli has also shown an appetite for the Coca-Cola Cup

and is the leading scorer in the competition. The foreign players here are really up for this game," Robson said. "They know, if we win this, we will probably be favourites, along with Wimbledon."

Tonight they not only have bone advantage, they may catch Liverpool in some disar-ray with Barnes and Redknapp, his natural re-placement in midfield, out of action, Ruddock missing from defence and Collymore, the striker, struggling with flu. Fowler, however, is expect-

ed to be fit to replace Collymore Rob Jones and Steve Harkness are on standby, with Jones likely to play to enable McAteer to move into enable McAteer to move into his favourite central role in a reshaped team Middles, brough by contrast, are getting their players back with Vickers, Junimbig Stanger Whyte and Eleming all fit

Westwood invited to Masters on merit

LEE WESTWOOD, a rising star on the European golf tour, has had to postpone his marriage for another engagement

he will be playing in the US
Masters instead. Westwood, 23, from Workson, who won the Scandinavian Masters last August and triumphed again in Japan in November, has learnt that his sixth place in the European order of merit last season was good enough to earn him an invitation to Augusta, Georgia, in April.

"It's lovely to be playing there and I'm excited about it," he said. "I've never even been to America." Westwood was due to marry the sister of Andrew Coltart, of Scotland, a fellow European Tour player, in the same week, but now the couple are looking for a new date for the wedding later in

Lottery boost

Rowing: Leander Club, the home of Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the Olympic champions, is to receive £1.5 million from the National Lottery to go towards the refurbishment of its clubhouse at Henley on-Thames. The £2.3 million project, to pro-duce more storage space for boats, a gymnasium and rest area, was dependent on the grant, and three quarters of the balance has already been earmarked from members. the Leander Trust and individ-

New boundaries

Cricket: St Vincent and the Grenadines is to become the latest Caribbean country to host a Test match, in the forthcoming series between West Indies and Sri Lanka. The two-match series in May will be played at Arnos Vale Field, in Kingstown, and at The Recreation Ground, in St John's, Antigua

South Africa's selectors yes terday named their XI significantly early for the third and final Test against India a week tonocrow, keeping faith with the team that secured the series with a 282-run victory in Cane Town on Monday.

Webster victory

Golf: Steve Webster, from Warwickshire, won the Apollo-Challenge in Spain, for the challenge in Spain, by the serond successive year yested day, recording a 69, two wasted par, at Valderrama. Websier was the leading amateur in the 1994 Open Championship at Spainterws, but massed the hallway out in his first eight tournaments last year and was forced to go back to the qualifying school at the end of the season to get a second chance on the tour this year.

Knox title bid

Boxing: Keith Knox, from Bomyrigg, Scotland, will face Adey Lewis, from Bury, in Glasgow on January 27 for the vacant British flyweight championship Knox 29, who is ranked No 4 in Great Britain, has a chance to join an elite band of Scottish boxers who have claimed the title. which includes Benny Lynch, John McCluskey and Pat Clinnon. He must overcome a determined opponent in Lew-is, though, who is ranked

England call on fresh faces

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

FOUR new caps, three of them . on one rink, have been introduced by England's indoor selectors for the home international series in Ballymoney, Northern Ireland, in March. The selectors have rung the changes in an attempt to rebuild the national side after six lean years, during which Scotland have monopolised the Hilton Trophy.

They have also recalled Gary R Smith, who, like his namesake, Gary A Smith, of Cyphers, will skip a rink. Indeed, for his debut as an international skip, he has an impressive front end — John Ottaway, the national outdoor singles champion, at lead, with Stuart Airey and David Holt mid-rink.

Last year Airey and Holt

ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chica-go 102 Utah 89; Portland 88 LA Lakera 84; Golden State 101 Charlotte 109

CRICKET

TOOWOOMBA, Australia: Tour match (one day): West Indies 275-7 (S Chanderpaul 123, S.L. Campbell (55): Australian Country XI 239 (M. Robinson 50 tref aut)

DARTS

were with Tony Allcock, the world outdoor singles champion. This year Allcock has been entrusted with a completely new front end - Mark Bantock, Robert Newman, and Ian Bond — all capped for the first time and with an average age of 23.

Greg Harlow, who skipped for the first time last winter, has also been given three new partners - Richard Sampson, Brett Morley, the British outdoor champion, and Mervyn King, who is seeded No 6 for the world indoor singles championship this month.

John Wickham comes in to strengthen David Ward's rink, while, in the midst of wholesale changes, Andy Thomson and Gary A Smith. both unbeaten in the series

last year, skip unchanged rinks. John Bell, of Cumbria, who

has criticised the England team management after being left out of the trial, has sent a clear message from Australia, where he has reached the semi-finals of the Merrylands international mixed pairs tournament in Sydney.

tournament in Sydney.

England: First one: P Batcher (Cyclers), M Biggs (Westleon), D J Cotter, Physical M. E. Thomson, Cyclers), A E Thomson, Cyclers, Pitch to M. E. Thomson, Cyclers, Pitch to Metaman (Whiteledgrist), Bland (Bossel), A Alloock (Bentium), Hink three: J Rednall (Bossel), B. Jenkine (Cambridge Paril), J Wischnen (Begintodge), D Werd (North Watsham), Birk tour: G Hatheast (Westleooth, J Leeman (Sanis), J Mills: South Forest, G A Smith (Cyclers), Hink three R Sampson (Cumbrid), B Morley (Northgham), M King (Physicad Paril), M King (Physicad Paril), M King (Physicad Paril), M Hottle (Bacipool Borough), G R Smith (Burdenium, Heurewes M Royal, Mid Sulfall), K (Zoushw (Fue Bleest), R Miceas (Paston), A Saster (Cumbrid).

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent The Great Britain team reached the quarter-final of the women's event in the recent Olympiad, where they lost to Austria. This is a

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

hand played by the formidable Maria Erhart, the former individual world champion, in the Austria-Turkey match during Dealer South Love all

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Contract: Four Hearts by South

When the queen of spades held the first trick, and the trumps fell in two rounds, declarer's problem reduced itself to making one trick out of the clubs. There is no certain way of doing that if declarer starts the suit, but Erhart made certain that the defence had to play it. After drawing trumps, she continued with the ace of spades and n snade ruff, then crossed to

the eight of hearts. She played the fourth spade from dummy and, when East showed out, she had a choice of plays. One was to discard a club leaving West on play to open up diamonds or clubs, but she chose what is clearly considered the more elegant line in Vienna (Rixi, give us a sign), of ruffing the spade and exiting with ace and another diamond. It did not matter who won the king of diamonds - they would then have to open up clubs or give a ruff

and discard. As so often happens when someone plays a hand in a 100 per cent fashion, the inferior

VISCEROTONIC

b. Tight and tense

ELDRITCH

a. Weird b. A hubgoblin

a. Bull's blood drink

c. Soft and confortable

c. A hedgerow bush

LEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Piaskett's brilliance

Although grandmaster James Plaskett, the former Great Britain champion, narrowly failed in his ambition of winning the Challengers, or B section, at Hastings, he did have the consolation of playing the most brilliant game. In the following win, against Colin McNab, the Scottish grandmaster, he sacrificed rook and queen in the interests

of forcing checkmate. White: Colin McNab Black: James Plaskett Hastings Challengers

January 1997

English Opening 3 Bb2 ර5 පිර6 7 0-0 Qe7 14 Rt2 æ Rbd4 Rbd4 64 KU3 26 Bd5 Rg1 Ke8 Cag5 29 h3

30 Bq5

32 Ong5

33 Kg2

Diagram of final position

(2) (1) (2) (1) (2)

Challengers scores

Top scores in the Challengers section at Hastings were as follows: Rausis 7½ points out of nine: Plaskett and McNab 7; Kristensen, Emms, Schoen, Pelletier and Buckley 62. Chess prodigy Luke McShane scored 5½ points and missed his second international master result by just half a point.

Grand prix winners The £3,000 Leigh grand prix, for the most successful British player on the national tournament circuit over 1996, has been won by grandmaster Keith Arkell. Grandmaster Susan Lalic won the prize for the best female player, Jonathan Parker the prize for the best player under 20 and Luke McShane the prize for the best olaver under 18.

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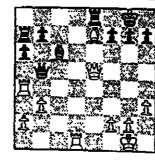
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from book-shops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at E6.99 plus postage and packing). ☐ Raymond Keene writes on

chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

MINNENS MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Steinikow -Jakowitz, Soviet Union. 1988. This position is a test of your chess visualisation. White's basic idea is not too difficult to spot, but working the varia-tion out to its conclusion is not so easy. Can you do it? Solution on page 46



FRINCEY GREEN: Embessy world chemplonship: First round (Eng unless stated) P Williams bt E Clans (Bell 3-2; C Monk or C Homby 3-0; R Benneveld (Holl) bt S Polincy (Walnes) 3-0; L Wallace (Scot) bt R Taylor (Scot) 3-1.

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Quarter-linels: Postponed: Ipswich v Leterster: Stockport v
Soutampton
NATIONWOBE LEAGUE: Third division:
Postponed: Chester v Rochdale
AUTO WWNDSCREENS SWELD: Postponed: Northern section: Blackpool v
Lincoln: Bury v Mansheld. Carliste v Hult;
Sourithorpe v Mote County, Strowschury v
Wisgar. Whechmarn v Crew, York v Presson.
Southern section: Garditi v Exetor, Peterborough v Welsch; Prymouth v Brighton:
Necthampton v Luton. SPALDING CHALLENGE CUP: Quester-finet Postponed: Welting v Famborough. BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third dis-sions Postponed: East String v Arthresh TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Postponed: Cowdenbeath v Dum-bation: Forlar v Alice, Sterhousemur v Hamilton

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Liston v Swedsne; Queens Park Rangers v Southampton; Totantean v Cardiff.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Attair (Sp) 6 King's, Centerbury S; St Juan Del Puerto Hueka: (Sp) 2 King's, Canterbury 3.
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cia I. UK LIVENG FA WOMEN'S CUP: Filth round draw, Tranners or Wendoley v Presion Rangers, Southarroton Saints or Wendoley v Presion Rangers, Southarroton Saints or Bestinansted Town; franch or Middles-brough v Generod Saints or Bestinansted Town; franker or Mestina Town; Chelera or Mithesit Livenssas, v Doncaster Belles or Sheffeld Wednesstay, Stockport or Bengor City v Sherborne or Eventon; Tothanham or Coller Row v Croydon or Livenpoot; Reading Royals or Layton Orient v Aston Vita or Brighton; Arsenal or Barry Town v Chelmsford or Huddlessfeld.

Ties to be played on February 2 -HOCKEY SARCELONA: Los Reyes Centermini tour-nament: Men: Reading 2 B Gid 2 Southgato 5 Barcelona Q: Bloomendeal (Adi) 3 Foto Beruchna Q: Grange (Scot) 6 Potantes (Spi 1, Sumpy 6 Polo 1892 (Spi) 2. Final positiones 1, Grange 2, Southgate 3, Reading Under-18: Repton School 1 Polo Barcelona Q: Final positions 1, Repton School 2, Royal Loopold (Bet) 3. Polo Barcelona. Warner: Under-18: Nich Lucies 3 Olimpia (Spi) 0. Final positions: 1, India 1 Carticol School Q: Willem de Zwiger (Holi) 3 Olimpia (Spi) 0. Final positions: 1, India Ladies; 2, Willem de Zwiger; 3, Olimpia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Pargers 2 Colorado 2: Ottave 3 Tampa Bay 4; Montreel 5 Hantlord 4; Anchelm 1 Vangou-

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Ferrari go

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WEDNESDAY JANUA

Punishing trip fails to unsettle

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Henman

TIM HENMAN put jet lag and fatigue behind him to progress to the second round of the Sydney International termis tournament yesterday with victory over Renzo Furlan, Henman, the British No l, arrived in Australia in the early hours before the match, having taken three

flights from the Middle East. He was broken in the first game, but responded well to break Furlan, the Italy Davis Cup player, in the next game and went on to secure a 6-3, 6-4 victory just before midnight local time. Afterwards Henman was relieved to have finally got his preparations for the Australian Open under way after his nightmare trip from Doha and a long delay

Henman, who rose to No 24 in the world last weekend, said: "I just tried to forget

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what I had been through in the past 24 hours. When you are confident and hitting the ball well you don't think about too much out on the

"My concerns before the match were mental and physical. I wasn't sure how I would feel and how focused I would be. Overall, I think it was a good performance. Termis-wise, I hit the ball

Henman, 22, from Oxfordshire, was particularly glad to have bounced back after the potentially vital blow of losing the first game to Furlan, ranked 15 places below him in the world.

He added: "In the first game I had 40-15, but then didn't play particularly well. It was a bad start to the match, but, once I broke back in the

second game of the match. I felt pretty comfortable. I wanted to keep the momentum

going this week." Henman now faces Sergi Bruguera, from Spain, the former French Open champion, in the second round after he defeated Felix Mantilla, his compatriot, the No 5 seed.

Henman, who was beaten by Bruguera, a clay-court specialist, in their two meet-ings last year, said: "He is a similar player to Furlan and won't come forward much."

The tournament is providing Henman with ideal preparation for the Australian Open that starts in Melhourne on Monday. That event has been deprived of the services of Cedric Pioline, the French No l, who has withdrawn with back mouble.

Monica Seles, four times the Australian Open champion, will be unable to defend her title in Melbourne because she has a broken finger. Seles, the world's No 2, broke her right ring finger in two places—the finger up and the knuckle— while warming up for an exhibition tournament last month and has been unable to play since December 4.

Seles won her fourth Australian Open title last year, bringing her incredible match record in the event to a perfect 28-0. She also won the Australian Open in 1991, 1992 and 1993 before missing the event the next two years after being stabled during a tournament in Hamburg in April 1993.

I want so much to return to Australia, where I have so many happy memories and good friends," Seles said. "All I can do is look forward to 1998 with great anticipation."

The broken finger is the latest in a series of injuries that have plagued Seles since she returned to competitive tennis in August 1995.



Henman on his way to victory over Furlan



Wheels of fortune: Berger has reaped extravagant rewards from his 12-year motor racing career without claiming the ultimate prize

Playboy in pursuit of home comforts

Concluding a series on the revival of the Benetton Formula One

They say that Jean Alesi is the insecure one. When there are tears to be shed, he cries; when there is anger to be expressed, he vents it: when consolation is needed, it is always his shoulders that the arm slips around. On the other hand, the popular belief is that Gerhard Berger, his Benetton team-mate, can look after

Berger is, after all, the last of the great grand prix playboys dashing and dynamic charming and witty, entirely likeable. He is so much his own man that he is the only driver among the leading Formula One personalities who does not have a manager. He is one of the few in the sport who talks frankly, his words unencumbered by jargon, unstilted by the fear of saying the wrong thing.

He is the man who used to play practical jokes on Ayrton Senna, who once put hundreds of frogs in the late Brazilian's room while he was out, and who, during his stays at McLaren and Ferrari, consistently managed to ne-gotiate himself one of the highest salaries in the sport without having the bargaining power of a world title. Before Berger left Ferrari

for Benetton at the end of 1995, though, Jean Todt, team, Oliver Holt meets a driver in a personal race against time Ferrari's sporting director,

and one of the most astute vealed a different side of the Austrian. "He does not show it like Alesi," Todt said, "but Gerhard needs reassurance. too. He needs to be told how much he is wanted. As he sat in the Benetton

rage during a test at Estoril, in Portugal, last month, Berger, smiling as always, let his guard down for a few minutes. He is starting the second half of a two-year contract with Benetton and admitted that time was running out for him to achieve his lifelong ambition of winning the Formula One world

What was even more striking, though, was an admission, by a man who has always seemed so footloose and fancy-free, that, when he joined Benetton at the start of last season, he was desperate to settle down, but felt so ill at ease that it affected his performances. Only now that he has come to terms with the change, he said, will he be able to have a last shot at the championship.

"I expected it to be difficult



when I arrived here from Ferrari," Berger said. "When came here to Estoril for my first test, I had to push myself not to show it, but I felt like a stranger. I just didn't feel at home. But here, it was different.

"It was too late to run away, but it was stopping me doing a good job. On top of that, the car wasn't set up to suit my driving style. The people were nice to me, but I was not one of them and it was just a terrible feeling.

"The older you get, the more you get used to somebody and the more difficult it is to change. If you are a young boy and you get a new

girlfriend, it is easy to adapt, you stay together and you feel fine. But, if you get to 40 or 45 and you start something new, it is so hard to get used to it. I just could not get used to

it here. It took me half a season and by then it was too late to have any chance of winning the title. Then, suddenly I felt it was turning out OK and now, finally, I feel good. Now, I would not like to go somewhere else."

Like Alesi, Berger failed to win a race last season, but he was robbed of victory in Germany when the Renault engine in his Benetton failed on the last lap and wasted a good chance of a win in the Japanese Grand Prix, the last race of the season, when he attempted an over-ambitious overtaking manoeuvre on Damon Hill.

Berger, who flirted with the idea of retirement after Senna's death in May 1994. is 37 now and, if he does not find a drive with one of the leading four teams when his contract ends at the end of the coming season, he is likely to embrace it more openly.
At the San Marino Grand

Prix. in April at Imola - the

with sights lowered

BY OLIVER HOLT

LAST year Luca Montezemulo, the president of Ferrari, said that 1997 would be the year when his team would win their first drivers' championship since 1979. As the new Ferrari was unveiled at their headquarters in Maranello yesterday, he said that it was now more likely to be next year.

Even Michael Schumacher, who had also said before the start of last season that he believed that this might be the year to make an all-out championship assault, was more cautious yesterday when Ferrari became the first of the big four teams to launch their new car.

"My real hope is that we can compete for the championship." Schumacher said, "and put pressure on the Williams team or any other that sets the pace. Either that or I hope we will be under pressure from them, but I cannot predict that we will be champions.

"I expected some problems in the first year, but I will not be happy if they are repeated in the second year. We are looking for reliability and a big improvement on last year. but the real championship for us should come in 1998."

Schumacher, who recently signed a deal that should keep him at Ferrari until the end of 1999, won three races for his new team last year, including a bravura performance in the rain in Barcelona for his maiden Ferrari victory, and finished third in the championship, behind Damon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve.

The pragmatism of Schumacher, who won the title with Benetton in 1994 and 1995, and the efficiency of Jean Todt, Ferrari's sporting director, has enabled the team to reverse their habit of launching their new car hopelessly late. Last season it was so plagued with mechanical problems that neither Schumacher nor Eddie Irvine, his team-mate, had any testing time in it before the opening race, in Australia.

This year Ferrari have stolen a march on Williams, Benetton and McLaren by unveiling it early and John Barnard, their unsettled English designer, admitted that the car was low on risk so that reliability could be ensured.

There was a very big effort to get the car finished to allow plenty of time for develop-ment," Barnard said. His position in the team has been under scrutiny since the recruitment of Ross Brawn from Benetton as technical coordinator.

"I want to stay in Formula One," Barnard said. "I've put a lot of effort into Ferrari and I don't want to see that wasted. I always seem to leave before the final prize is won."

RUGBY UNION: JENKINS REPLACES HUMPHREYS AS HOOKER DECIDES NOT TO CONTEST SUSPENSION

Gibbs steps up to captain Wales

Scots to exploit green field rugby sites

Edinburgh Initiative is a joint partner-

ship venture between the public and

private sector, in this instance the local

authority and Scottish Gas, the Scottish

Rugby Union (SRU) and Lismore RFC,

the local rugby club which had already begin to spread the rugby gospel and

With financial support from Scottish

Gas a full-time rugby development

officer - Peter Young, the Heriot's lock .

forward - has been appointed. He will be

an employee of Edinburgh City Council, which believes that sport, and rugby in

particular, is an integral part of a rounded education, and that those who

want to play the game should not be

ground-breaking project which it is hoped Gracemount is one of five secondary and off the field with sporting and social

territorial and social boundaries.

BY DAVID HANDS

SCOTT GIBBS, one of four players who have returned from rugby league to bolster the Wales national side, will lead his country for the first time against the United States in Cardiff on Saturday. Gibbs, the Swansea centre, will take over from the suspended Jonathan Humphreys, the captain in Humphreys, the captain in

Wales's past 13 internationals, has decided not to appeal against the week-long ban imposed after his dismissal during Cardiff's Heineken Cup semi-final defeat by Brive on Sunday. "I am mindful of the need to set an example and will accept the adjudicator's decision, even though it is very painful to take," he said

Humphreys, 27, was sent off

By MARK SOUSTER

GRACEMOUNT High, in Edinburgh, is

typical of many an inner-city state secondary school where football is the

only competitive sport played and certain-

ly the only one which matters to most of

and the rivalry at break-time in the

playground is every bit as intense as

Tynecastle or Easter Road on derby day.

Circumstances have dictated that rugby is

an inconsequence, a sport played by more

favoured pupils at the great public-schools such as George Watsons and

However, that perception should

change, if only gradually, with the launch

professional foul, having earlier received a yellow card for his involvement in a forward confrontation. His decision not to appeal leaves Wales able to prepare properly for Saturday, with Garin Jenkins, of Swansea, stepping up for his 31st cap and Barry Wil-

liams; the Neath hooker, returning to the replacements. Ieuan Evans and Gareth Liewellyn, two former Wales captains, are among the XV. but Gibbs, who has played in three of Wales's four internationals this season, is a more progressive appointment. "I have used this as an opportunity for someone to gain personal development from the situation, rather than to go

for a tried and trusted captain," Kevin Bowring, the

its 600 pupils. The boys are either Heart begin to spread the rugby gospel and of Midlothian or Hibernian supporters started to try to break down traditional

could provide a blueprint for others to and 19 feeder primary schools in the area

Scott's focus, attitude and discipline. His contribution has been impressive since he returned from rugby league, both on and off the field." Gibbs also has youth on his

side -- he is 26 later this month and would be a viable alternative if Humphreys were not to return for the opening five nations' championship match, against Scotland on January 18. The captaincy is also an indication of how swiftly Gibbs has become a cornerstone of the side as opposed to. for example, Neil Jenkins who is captain of Pontypridd but is being played out of position at full back.

"My job now is to lead us to victory and thrust us into the five nations' championship on the back of a good performance, Gibbs said. There is a responsibility on the shoul-"I have been impressed with ders of every player and, as

follow in Scotland. The South East which stand to benefit. "This is just the

benefits."

captain, that responsibility is no different. This is a personal land-mark for me, although I have been assured it is a temporary

position because of Jonathan's suspension; but it is a chance for me to develop as a Welsh captain in the longer term." Meanwhile, Llanelli are to hold an extraordinary meeting on January 29 after the collapse of the financial structure

intended to carry them through the first season of full professionalism. They will be among the first division clubs eager to hear today from the Welsh Rugby Union the results of a specially-commissioned independent report on club finances, which may help them to explain to their members at the end of the month how they plan to sustain their existence for the rest of this

thing we need," Graham Smith, the

headmaster, said. Football is not to

everybody's liking and there is real

The initiative is also welcome news for

the SRU, whose director of rugby. Jim

Telfer, first advanced the idea. With a

population of 105,000, more than in the

entire Borders region, and with 20,000

childen aged 17 or under, southeast

Edinburgh could prove fertile ground for

Telfer as he and the union seek to expand

the sport's base. Scotland has only 45,000

rugby players, less even than Argentina, so the need is great. "We'd like to extend

the game further into the communities

where little rugby is played," Telfer said.

"Our message is that rugby has some-

thing important to offer youngsters on

potential for rugby to gain a foothold."

Greening attracts offers from rich clubs

THE Gloucester board of management will discuss on Monday the possibility of a substantial financial offer for Phil Greening, their young hooker, who won his first England cap as a replacement against Italy in November (David Hands writes).

There is no likelihood of Greening, who is Gloucester born and bred, leaving the club halfway through a season vital to the club's first division survival. Neither club officials nor the player himself would countenance it. but the reality for Gloucester, who have no wealthy individual investing money in them. is that the sale of so promising a player would help to sustain the playing side of the club as a whole

Greening, 21, is said to have had offers from the four wealthy London clubs, as well as Newcastle. He is England's replacement hooker, behind Mark Regan, a position that will be confirmed today when England name their training squad for the five nations championship match against Scotland on February 1.

Adedayo Adebayo, the England wing, returns for Bath against Swansea tonight after recovering from concussion. He will be joined in the team by Andy Robinson, Bath's new coach, and Graham Dawe, who has recovered from an elbow injury sustained nearly two months

Home run for Dodgers? FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK ONE of American baseball's and the O'Malley family took. Sandy Koufax and Pee Wee great teams, the Dodgers, is much heat. The elder

up for sale. Peter O'Malley, president of the Dodgers and son of the man who, in 1957, moved the team from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, said this week that it was "the right time to sell". He added: "The time is approaching when a family cannot support a Major League baseball team. It is

probably a dying breed."

O'Malley's unexpected announcement created excitement in the New York borough of Brooklyn, where old Dodgers fans were given hope that the team might return to the east coast of the United States. The Dodgers' departure left a terrible void

the time of corporate owner-

ship. Family ownership is

O'Malley became known as Peter "Sonofabitch" O'Malley, and to this day people say that the borough has not been the same since the old stadium in Flatbush feli dark. Marty Adler, who runs the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame, said: "I'm so happy, I

site of his worst crash in

Formula One, in 1989, when

his car exploded in a fireball,

and the track where Senna

died - he will contest his

200th grand prix, more than

any other present driver. His

motivation, though, is as

fierce as it was when he

competed in his first race, in

"It is still clear in my

mind," he said, "that I would

not like to do anything more

than drive a racing car. As

long as it is in your head that

you are doing the nicest thing in the world, then you are

"I feel much fitter today than I did when I was young.

but, as a driver, if you get

slower, you never feel it. You

always think you are quick. I

am not doing it for earning

money or any ego thing. I am

doing it because I love it and

for winning. Otherwise, I

would not have the mot-

title, but I am not that

convinced I can do it any

more. I give everything that !

can give, but I am running out of time fast. I don't dream

of winning the world champ-

ionship next season, just of

winning as many races as

possible. If this dream comes

true, then the championship

BASEBALL

will not be far away."

"I am still trying to win the

motivated.

ivation,

can't believe this is happening. Bring 'em back to Brooklyn." There was no proof of a financial offer to do that, but the asking price for the Dodgers is likely to be around the \$200 million mark.

When the Dodgers were based in Brooklyn, they won the World Series once and ten National League titles. Leading players included Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider,

Reese. Since moving out west, however, the team has done even better, scooping five World Series titles and nine National League pennants.

Such was the myth that attached to Brooklyn Dodgers that, in the recent presidential election campaign, Robert Dole, the Republican party candidate, mistakenly re-ferred to the team. Dole was lampooned for being so out of touch that he did not know the Dodgers had moved to Los Angeles. Now his gaffe may, perhaps, be seen as prescient.

O'Malley's comments about the impossibility of families running baseball teams was interpreted as a caustic reference to the vast salaries demanded by leading players.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Arrivals bolster Salford ambition

flooding the English game possess the pedigree that John Cartwright will bring to Salford Reds in their first season in the Stones Super League (Christopher Irvine writes). Cartwright, the Australian second row forward, was reunited on his arrival at the Willows yesterday with Andy

1992 World Cup. Cartwright, 30. and Platt, 33. the former Great Britain prop, will bring valuable experience to a relatively young Salford side. To capture a player still regarded as being

Platt, an adversary from the

world is a sign of the ambition at Salford. Cartwright - who has

played for Penrith for 12 seasons — has a contract for a year with a 12-month option. Wigan wanted Platt to return to them in a coaching capacity, but Platt felt that he played

some of his best rugby at

Auckland Warriors last sea-

son and he has a two-year deal

at Salford. Cartwright, who made seven appearances for Australia. has no regrets about leaving a divided game in his home country, "Hopefully, it will be

sorted out in the next 12 among the best props in the months, otherwise the game

could be in a bit of trouble," he said.

Andy Gregory, the Salford coach, said: "I wish I had a pound for everyone who has said we'll struggle this year. We're getting a decent squad together, we haven't finished yet, and I think we'll surprise a

Kelvin Skerrett, 30, Platt's

former Wigan colleague, has joined Halifax Blue Sox until the end of March. Before committing itself for the rest of the season, the club wants to see how Skerrett, who has had surgery on his ankles, performs in the early rounds of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

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Captain dismissed by hand of Lady Luck

ing question asked by Napo-leon, we are told, whenever a man's possibilities were under discussion. Being a Frenchman, he knew about logic; being an exceptional Frenchman, he knew about logic's limitations.

Tell me, he might have asked me. of Marshal Atherton. A good man. hein? Ah. oui. I would reply. All kinds of good qualities. Michael Atherton. trouble is that it did happen to

England cricket captain? A lot of iron in there, mon empereur. A man with a good deal of bottom to him. A decent man, too, I

like him. I approve of him. And Napoleon performs a Frenchman's shoulder-shrug and asks his devastating question. "But," he asks. lighting another Gitane. Thas he

Ah. There you have me votre majesté. Now a cricket tour is a strange thing and, once its patterns are established, they seem immutable. A captain is rarely given a chance to make a fresh start on a cricket tour.

But the eccentric schedule this winter allows just that. From the disaster of Zimbabwe. England are making a fresh start in New Zealand. How did Atherton take the chance? The first match was a testimonial match under lights, a light-hearted affair that called for some light-

Taylor left

to ponder

future after

new failure

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

1979-80.

class innings.

since the competition hegan in

Taylor has scored 117 runs in the series at an average of

19,50, and has managed just

one fifty in his past 22 first-

doing my job as a batter," Taylor said. "I had a bit of a

think about it today, what

would be best for myself and

Australian cricket. I still came

back to the same thing - the

best way to play it is to get out

there and face these guys and improve against them."

Taylor said that he thought

about missing the match

against West Indies in Perth on Sunday and playing for

New South Wales against

Western Australia in Sydney

tomorrow in an attempt to

find form for the last two Tests

game, you're a bit more com-

fortable, there's not the same

amount of pressure on." he

said. "The key games coming

up are possibly two finals if we

can win our last two games

By going hack to a Shield

against West Indies

WORD-WATCHING

(c) Having an amiable, comfort-loving temperament of the kind

normally associated with endomorphy. (An endomorph is a person who by physical type is soft, rounded and fleshy, and by

psychological type warm and sociable.) "Young gentleman wishes to meet viscerotonic millionairess, view comfort."

(a) Weird or hideous. "In winding up my report as president for the year just ended. I cannot bring my remarks to a conclusion without making special mention — and I know that the whole

committee joins me in this - of our Eldritch member. Mrs

(a), (b) and (c). One of those odd words that has multiple meanings, some of which have no obvious relation to each other.

Thus you could gammon the lady behind the delicatessen

counter by telling her how much you admire her gammon. Gammon also means the words used when gammoning in sense (c). Also, the game of backgammon, a paracular way to win at

backgammon, and finally to fasten a ship's bowsprit to the stem.

(b) Shaking like a jelly. "Your lactifera are tremellose!" you cry

out across the paddock to your large cousin Louisa as she performs an act of equitation. She naturally assumes you to be warning her that her girth and stirrup-leathers are loose.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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"At the moment I am not

MARK TAYLOR, the Austra-

lia captain, said yesterday that

he had considered dropping

himself after he failed again

with the bat in the 29-run defeat by Pakistan in the

World Series Cup match in

for six as Australia were

dismissed for 120 in 41.3 overs in reply to Pakistan's 149 all

TABLE

out on a difficult pitch at

Bellerive Oval. Australia have

now lost four consecutive one-

day matches and are in

danger of failing to qualify for

the finals of what is a triangu-

lar tournament, if Pakistan

and West Indies each win one

of their two remaining games

against each other. Australia

will almost certainly miss the

finals for the first time

Answers from page #

Puffball-Gordon, who . . .

TREMELLOSE

which sounds a hazardous manoeuvre.

VISCEROTONIC

West Indies

Pakistan Australia

Taylor fell to Wasim Akram

hearted slogs. Atherton, slogging light-heartedly, got himself caught by the only woman in the match.

This was Emily Drumm, a considerable cricketer, one of the best in the women's game. There can be no serious question of disgrace. But it just sounds so silly. The timing is perfect: it really is irresistibly comic.

True, it is the sort of thing that could happen to anyone. But the Atherton. And now,

rather than a time when such a thing 'The trouble is could be laughed off with a gallant smile. It is, in its way, a delinhappen to him' ing moment, one that marks Atherton out for what he is, a

thoroughly good sort, an altogether unlucky general.

it had to

He was, for example, just one lily-livered umpiring decision away from a Test victory in Zimbabwe. Though it is true that England should not have needed such a decision, the fact is that a win is a win is a win. And with a win in the credit column. subsequent batting collapses may not have happened.

Unlucky, as I say. Atherion remains forever associated with the dirt-in-the-pocket incident, that occasion when he was unlucky enough to be caught on camera messing about with the ball. His innocence of evil intent has been accepted more or less

Atherton was also unlucky enough SIMON BARNES to follow his finest hour with humiliation. The tour of South Africa last winter was illuminated by Atherton's eloriously defiant two-day innings. But, alas, it was followed by a seriessettling Test defeat and a disastrous one-day campaign in South Africa

> Hard-pressed in hard press conferences, Atherton still remained calm

> and then in the World Cup on the

and courteous as his World Cup aspira-tions fell away. He There can be was not going to fall into any journo's trap. no question But he was unlucky enough to make his own trap: in an aside to himself, he called

one of his more persistent Pakistani questioners a "bulfoon". He was unlucky that this was picked up by a microphone. But in one fell swoop, he changed from a sad captain, dignified in defeat, to a

whingeing racist. Jolly unlucky, pure As an unlucky general, he stands comparison with Bobby Robson, the manager of Barcelona, bayed about by xenophobic criticism despite actually winning last weekend and, for

year at the start of the Eighties, but in the end they won none. Robson's two World Cup campaigns as England manager were lost because of Maradona's "hand of God" goal in 1986 and the usual semi-final penalty defeat against the Germans in 1990. He should be remembered as one of the greatest English managers of recent history, but he is thought of as a failure. Unfair, unlucky.

Luck is a dodgy concept in any walk of life. How pleasant it is to blame some nebulous third party for one's own failings. Sport is full of refutations of the entire notion of luck. You make your own luck.

of disgrace' people say, and so you do. Arnold Palmer said that the more he practised, the luckier he got, and that is true for all athletes.

But what, after all, can you say to the goalie beaten by the 90 deflection, to the batsman defeated by the freak shooter? Hard luck! And you add, in an aside to yourself, well, it could have been worse; it could have been me. Luck is part of the equation in every walk of life. Seizing the moment of luck - a Bothamesque quality if ever there was one - is a quality that elevates athletes towards greatness. Atherton and England cricket do not need Botham's advice, still less his motivation. What is needed is Botham's luck.

Not a picture of health

The Hospital: A Prognosis. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

Not everything in Geoff Wans's investigation into our hospitals' future is as bleak as the advice that it offers about their possible change of role: "If you fancy a penthouse conversion in a general hospital, keep an eye on the [newspaper] property pages." There are 1.600 general hospitals in the country. One Cardiff-hased medical expert believes that that total could be slashed to between 30 and 40. It does not bode well for hospitals that some branches of Sainsbury's and Tesco are to have GPs on site. Somebody says truthfully tonight that nothing in life is guaranteed to remain forever unchanged, but surely there is something ominous about the fact that, out of the 130 mental hospitals open 30 years ago, only 80 are still in use.

Instant nostalgia is the name of the game: dance tunes from the 1920s Instant nostalgia is the name of the game: dance tunes from the 1920s and 1930s, foxtrots, the tango, waltzes and the black bottom. Music not just to dance to, but (said the popular poets) to romance to. If the lyrics did not do the trick ("Can't we Sail Away on a Lazy Daisy Petal?" ... "I'll Go on Playing with Fire, Until I Have Learned that my Heart has been Burned", the music would. The titles clinched it I Can't Get You Out Of My Mind, I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight, Dancing In The Dark. Cocktails needs no presenter and gets none. Tonight, Javourites from Carroll Gibbons and his two bunds at the London Savoy Hotel.

Peter Davalle

7.00am Mark Racellife 10.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nick Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Campoel 4,00 Mark Gooder 7000 Months Seve Lamecq and Jo Whitey 9,00 changesnowbowie. An hour long special to celebrate the 50th birthday of the rock legend. Includes an exclusive Interview 10,00 Stuart Meconie 12,00 Cleire Sturgess, includes at 12,15cm The Net 4,00 Cleve Warren

RADIO 1

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1,30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stevent 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on Two 8.00 A Song for Geordie. A new series toolking at songwriting in the North-East of England 8.30 Rechard Digarce, with Drayton Underground and Davie Lee 9.00 Deep and Crisp and Even, with John Kiripetrick (1/2) 8.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jernasons-12.05am Sus McGarry 3.00 Stave Madden.

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pm Riscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Betra, with Steve McCormack 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Action from the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final match between Middasbrough and Liverbool 10.05 The Baker Line More tootball discussion with Danny Baker 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours, with John Diamond 2.05 Up All Night

5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Philip Hodson 2.00pm Torrmy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportscone 10.00 James Witale 1.00mm Ian Collins

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lam On Air. Includes Mozert (Violin Concerto No 4 in D. K218); Weber (Overture Eurystithe); Schubert (Violin

Includes Haydn (Overture II Mondo della Luna); Tichakovský (Pláno Concerto No 3 in E list) Musical Encounters. Includes Bach (Sorata in E. flat, EW/1031); Seevand (Incidental music Peer Gyrt); Afiven (Swedish Rhapsody No. 2, Upsala)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Microscopies

Monteverdi
1.00 Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert. Paul Silverthome concert. Paul silvermorne, viola, John Constable, piano. Schubert (Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, D821); Saxton (Invocation), Bance and Meditation); Schumann Alfantation); Schumann

Medication); Scriumann (Marchenbilder, Op 113) 2.00 Midweek Choloe, with Susar Sharpe, Includes Verol (Bella figlia dell'amore, Rigoletto) 4.00 Choral Evensong 5.00 Music Machine (r) 5.15 In Tune, Sterhammer (Piano Santa No. 1 in Ch

Sonata No 1 in C)
6.30 BBC Rush Hour Concert.
Flore Tarkington introduces the first of eight concerts live

from the Wigmore Hall,

London Michael Chance, countertenor, Julius Drake pieno. Tippett (Songs for Ariel); Butterworth (A Shropanire Lad, excerpts). 7.00 Cocktalls. See Choice 7.30 London Philharmonic. Conductor Bernard Haitink

Andras Schiff, olano, Moz

(Symphony No 4) 9.15 Russia Five Years On. Geoffrey Hosking, professor of Russian history at the School of Stavonic and Eastern European studies since the collapse of the Soviet Union. William Butter, professor of compensitive law, describes attempts to transform the Russian judicial

including the overture to Rimsky-Korsakov's The Golden Cockerel and Glinka's Commercia Reflects

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10.00 Volces, with Iain Burnside
10.45 Night Waves
11.30 Composer of the Week:
Bernstein (f)
12.30em Jazz Notes
1.00em Through the Night

5.30 Counterpoint (f)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts
7.45 Hospital: A Prognosis. See

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9.30 Katelidoscope (f)
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Beditime; Scarlet

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jerni Murry. 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Nigel Coltour, John Cushnie, Geoffrey Smith and Eric Robson (?) 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lessy-Riddor! 12.25pm King Street Junior, by Richard Stotemen 12.55 Westher

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Shipping 2.00 Walton's Pike, by Tony Ramsey. A play about Sir Izaak Walton, the author of The Compleat Angler
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series in which leading hish women writers reflect on the idea of "Mother Ireland" (1/6) 3.00 News, The Attempon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kelekloscope. Paul Gambaccini sees the new Robert De Niro film

and Black (8/10)
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(3/4) (f) 11.45 The Joys of Yiddiels, with Michael Ferion-Slavers and Kerry Shale (3/4) (r) 12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book A Spell of Winter, by Heleri Dunmore (1/8) 12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World
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worldwide. Well. it would be stupid

to tamper illegally with a ball so obviously and Atherton is not stupid by any means. Just unlucky. He was unlucky enough to get an iffy decision in the Test that followed

Midweek View

Unfortunate, that. And, as Atherton seeks to establish this fresh start, in New Zealand, he will by now know the identity of the match referee for the Test series. Yes, his old mate.

Burge. How unlucky can you get?

the dirt business and to utter a sad headshake as he left. This was unlucky, too. It allowed the match referee, Peter Burge, to leap in with a huge and absurd fine for "dissent".

that matter, second in the Spanish But it is all of a piece with Robson. His wonderful Ipswich Town side might have won three trophies in a



Shahid Afridi is congratulated by his team-mates after dismissing Andrew Bichel, the Australia No 9, leg-before

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AUSTRALIA

Total (45.2 overs) ...

and two vital Test matches against the West Indies." Australia lead the series 2-1 and need a draw at either Adelaide or Perth to retain the Frank

Worrell Trophy. Michael Slater, the opener. and Ricky Ponting, the No 3 batsman, have already lost their places in the Australia side this season after spells of poor form. You always think about that, whether you are captain or not. Taylor said of the possibility of losing his place. "It has run through my mind, but you try not to dwell too much on it because that's

tried someone else."

"If it happens it happens, but it won't be the end of Mark Taylor's world and I hope, if the selectors want to do that, they'll come and say to me: Mark I think it's time we

Mohammad Wasim was the only batsman to conquer the conditions, scoring 54 after the top three in the Pakistan order had fallen for ducks. Akram made life difficult for the Australia batsmen by taking three for 13 from eight overs as they struggled to gain any momentum, Michael Bevan was the top scorer with 24. made off 31 balls.

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BOWLING Wasin Akram 8-2-13-3; Mohammad Zahid 10-1-53-2; Raz Ahmed 10-0-28-1; Mujahid Jamshed 4-1-6-1, Sedam Mushtaq 8-1-13-1; Shahid Ahidi 1.3-0-1-2

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SATELLITE AND CABLE

credits. I guess that makes it his fault then.

Long gone are the days when "because it's there" was sufficient excuse to get the rucksack out of the attic. What the modern multimedia explorer needs is an idea sufficiently offbeat to get television interested and perhaps a publisher or two. Allen's idea was to travel the 1,000 miles of the Skeleton Coast of Namibia, an area already crawling with wildlife documentary-makers, in the company of three carnels. They bought it.

First up, inevitably, was choose your-camel time, a sequence that took up so much of last night's programme that it made me Wonder whether there is sufficient material for six programmes. Anyway, Allen got his camels and a collection of matching bruises and I warmed to the dromedary which smashed the camera with a well aimed blow of the knee. We may by Benedict Allen" boasted the end make a critic out of him yet.

Eventually, after an awful lot of self-conscious groaning in the bath and mock introspection in the desert - "things die out here, I'm going to die out here if I don't get these camels in order" - we were off. The Orange River was behind us, now it was just Allen and his three camels...and Tony, the warden the Namibian Government had insisted came too; Adrian, a photographer friend, and Henry, driver of a so-far unseen support vehicle. As Allen had promised us, the Namib Desert

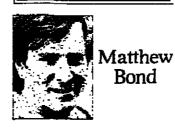
o, too; were the spectacular gardens that provided the centrepieces for Geoff Hamilton's Paradise Gardens (BBC2). But any notion that sufficient time might have elapsed since Hamilton's death last summer for this series to be viewed dispassionately were quickly dispelled. A caption reminded us that Hamilton died

was already teeming with life.

REVIEW

One man, three camels, 1,000 miles too far

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just before the series was completed and that those parts of the script left unrecorded had now been added by Tony, Geoff's twin

But if that wasn't enough to bring on an unseasonal attack of hay fever, it quickly became clear that the subject was. Hamilton's last series was about the garden as a earthly paradise, as an escape from the brutal demands of the

we're going to cope with the modern madness, we all need a safety valve" acquired a poignancy that he can never have intended.

the programme lost sight of its target. Of the three gardens Hambackgarden in Cardiff - offered the genuine "haven of peace and contentment" that he had been talking about. The others, an exquisite cottage garden in Oxfordshire tended by the same couple for decades and a woodland garden in an Anglican friary, seemed so far removed from the modern world as to be irrelevant. But as fate had it, in one Hamilton touched gently on death and in the other discussed God (vis a vis stinging netties, actually) and suddenly relevance didn't much matter any more. After you with the

Bu: somewhere along the line, ilton visited, only one - a glorious

Things got a little jollier thank-

Enfield and Chums (BBC1). But perhaps not as jolly as they once might have been. The main problem is that the chums, Paul Whitehouse and Kathy Burke, are almost better known now than Enfield is. One possible solution

would be for The Fast Show. Whitehouse's principal vehicle, to launch a takeover bid for Enfield. but that is probably far too straightforward for the world of light entertainment. The fact remains, however, that the shows have very similar formats and, on the

evidence of last night, a growing overlap in characters. Julio Geordio may be a Colombian footballer playing for Newcastle United, but his increasingly Geordie dialogue was just a tehteh-teh away from The Fast Show's Channel 9. Others, such as the toddlers, owe their inspiration

fully, with the return of Harry closer to home. After all, Kevin the teenager is still very funny, so why not his three-year-old brother? I don't know, but he wasn't. Still, Mr Dead, the Talking Corpse,

Back on BBC2, Grown Ups looked a promising idea but it may take a few weeks to see whether it has been well enough executed. I have a nasty, but not irreversible. feeling that it has not.

With the exception of Pippa Haywood, who is in everything at the moment, most of the faces involved are unfamiliar - which is a good and commendable thing. So, too, is a comedy about a group of university friends now in their thirties. My doubts though centre on the cleverness and wittiness, or otherwise of Paul Makin's scripts and on the directing of Angela de Chastelai Smith. It may be early days, but both the "sit" and the "com" were moving rather slowly last night. Just like those camels.

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6.00em BUSINESS BREAKFAST (48953) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (43311) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (4007885) 9.20 ALL OVER (1267311) 9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8077359)

ens the mind, but for some

time I've had a pet a theory

that what travel actually does is

people I have ever met burn out to

be the most intrepid of travellers,

great globe-trotting bores who

never managed to get a life but got

No prizes then, for guessing

that Benedict Allen is not my kind

of chap; nor Skeleton Coast

(BBC2) my kind of programme.

Allen, you see, is the worst kind of

traveller, the one who insists on

showing you his holiday snaps. "I wanted to film it myself, " he told

us grandly, "without the intrusion

of a camera crew." That's right -

no director to tell him he's begin-

ning to sound like an encyclopae-

dia, no camera-operator to make

the whole thing look pretty, no

sound technician to muffle the

heavy breathing. Filmed entirely

a long-haul destination instead.

the opposite. Some of the dullest

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (88311) 11.00 NEWS (T) and weather (6560663) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (6347330) 11.45 SMILLS (T) and weather (7158682). 12,05pm INCOGNITO (6396866) 12.05pm (4922021) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27544688) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44117882) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (53798) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (1) (74026779) 2.05 POLICE RESCUE (8075972) 2.50 HOLIDAY OUTINGS (7316088) - 3,00 PUT IT TO THE TEST (1663) 3.30 PLAYDAYS (3027040) 3.50

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Chucklevision (3014576) 4.10 Popeye and Son (1810156) 4.35 The Wild House (7026953) 5.00 Newsround (T) (8137507) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (1021934) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS (f) (1) (181175) 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (359) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (311)

7.00 A QUESTION OF SPORT Joining Ally McColst and John Parrott tonight are Steve Backley, Peter Ebdon, Tirr Henman and Trish Johnson (T) (6972): 7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD includes an innovative head-mounted sonar device giving blind people a view of the world; and a submarine designer's latest creation, which he hopes will revolu-

tionise underwater tourism (T) (595) 🔑 8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? Eamonn massive, deadly snow avalanches can be stopped (834408) 8.55 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by

the Liberal Democrats (T) (126412) 9.00 NEWS (T) and weather (1309)

COMMON AS MUCK The first in a new six-part series finds the binmen gathering to give Nev a good retirement send-off, fully aware that their business is under threat and then may have to find new ways to survive. With Edward Woodward (1) (317697) 10.25 THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH:

Gold Plated -- Atlanta 1996 The backstage chaos that ensued throughout last year's Olympic games (5664601) 11.30 FiLM: School Ties (1993) starring Chris O'Donnell, Matt Darmon and Brandan Fraser. A working-class Jewish student enrols at an elite high school where he has to lie about his faith to escape taunting from and Semitic bigots.

Directed by Robert Mandel (210882)

1.10em FR.M: Signpost to Murder (1964, tw) starring Joanne Woodward and Stuart Whitman. A convicted murderer escapes from an asylum and seeks refuge in the house of a lonely young women, where he convinces her he is innocent and same. Directed by George .Englund (4758557)

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BBC5 7.15am SEE HEAR BREAKFAST NEWS (6364224) 7.30 The Hair Bear Bunch (2803801) 7.55 Record Breakers Gold (2607156) 8.20 Teoloy Trucks (3315040) 8.25 Spot (6634446) 8.35 Lassi

(3747311) 9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: JELINES FRANCOPHONES (8055137) 9.25 See You, See Me (4084834) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8586408) 10.00 Playdays (72773) 10.30 Numbertime (8141069) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (8139224) 11.00 Around Scotland (5296972) 11.20 Music Makers (5539156) 11.40 Taking Issue (6337953) 12.00 Spanish Globo (7156224) 12.05pm History File∷ 20th Century Wrap (6394408) 12.30 Working Lunch (37175) 1.00 Geography Programme (80413595) 1.20 Rhunder-birds in French (69808972) 1.25 Zig Zag (80426336) 1.45 Come Outside (80425338) 1.45 Come (44134359) 2.00 Teddy Trucks

3.00 NEWS AND WEATHER (6555069) 3.05 DARTS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (11363595) 6.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION

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(b/w) (r) (T) (4514) 7.30 ALVIN HALL'S GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL INVESTING A three-part guide for beginners to investment presented by American financial wizard

Alvan Hall (137) 8.00 DELIA SMITH'S WINTER **COLLECTION** Comfort foods and casseroles (r) (T) (8214) 8.30 RICK STEWS FRUITS OF THE SEA

The first of a new eight-part series on seafood. On the menu tonight are seafood peella, spicy Thal fish curry and a dish of locally caught baby scallops for the Padstow Carnival (1) (9069) 9.00 TIGER CRISIS -- UPDATE! Gavin. Hewitt returns to India for a harrowing report on the plight of the majestic Indian tiger (1) (650243)



Freddle Laker flying again (9.50pm)

TROUBLE AT THE TOP First of a six-part series following businessmen over a year in their hectic es, beginning with Sir Freddie Laker as he prepares to launch Laker Airline, a transatientic service between Britain and Florida (1) (566137)

10.30 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST: Liberal Democrats (175224) 10.35 NEWSNIGHT with Peter Snow (1)

41.20 THIS LIFE Drama series (r) (T) (461663) 12.05am-1.15 DARTS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (7119624)

CHOICE Hollywood Lovers

ITV, 9.00pm (not YTV/C3NE)

Should you be thinking of moving to the film capital, and finding yourself in need of a partner, this programme is full of useful advice. The good news for men, according to a dating agency, is that "there are more beautiful women in Los Angeles than anywhere else in the world". The bad news, says a reals lonely heart is that "women do. says a male lonely heart, is that "women do not just date your — they date your job, your pocket book and your car". If you are a woman trying to pull a man, listen to Denise Gilbert. As Ms Flirt USA, she knows all the angles. This latest collection of slickly-edited countifiities. soundbites comes from the company responsible for series on Hollywood's men, women, children and pets. Like its predecessors, Hollywood Lovers is brash, superficial, vulgar and horribly fascinating — a fair description of Hollywood itself.

Common As Muck BBC1, 9.30pm

The Lancashire binmen are back, but as William Ivory's drama deservedly enters its second series it seems that they might not be sectud series it seems that they hight not be emptying bins much longer. Property developers have their sights on the yard and the men are forced to think up new ways to earn a living. They also have to do without Edward Woodward's Nev, who has reached retirement age. But even as he says his emotional farewell, you can bet that the show wall not during one of its best characters. will not dump one of its best characters. A feature of Ivory's scripts is that they can encompass a range of moods without this seeming incongruous. Common As Muck is fundamentally a comedy and there is plenty of knockabout tonight as the gang tries its hand at window cleaning. But there is pathos and sentimentality, and darker elements as well. It makes a satisfying mix.

Trouble At the Top: Freddie's Back BBC2, 9.50pm

Freddie is Sir Freddie Laker, trying to make a comeback 14 years after the collapse of his Pitoneering venture in cut-price air travel.

Although well into his seventies, and with a serious operation not far behind him, he is as buoyant as ever. His big idea this time is an airline that will take British holidaymakers to the Florida sun. And in contrast to his past activity he is going upmarket. Passengers will sit in leather seats, with individual vide screens, and eat off china plates. That, at least, is the idea. As Mary FitzPatrick's engrossing film reveals, the launch of Laker Mark Two is so dogged with mishaps of every sort that it is a wonder anything gets off the ground. You almost feel sorry for Sir Freddie, but he battles on regardless and even in his lowest moments an optimistic smile rarely leaves his face.

ER: Dr Carter, I Presume Channel 4, 10.00pm

The Chicago hospital drama does not hang about. Hardly has the show returned for its third season than we are plunged into young Dr Carter's first day as a surgical intern,
Jeanie's discovery that she is HIV-positive
and rumours of the hospital being
earmarked for closure. The last can be
quickly dismissed. If the place shut, it would he the end of the series. As there are 23 episodes after this one, it is a fair assumption that the rumours are no more than a plot device. Carter's haptism is a predictable descent into Hell, though charted with all the gritty realism that ER can muster. And so to poor Jeanie. Her dilemma, whether to tell the authorities about her condition, makes for moments of sober reflection amid the bustle and frenzy, underlined as always by a manically restless camera. Peter Waymark

HIV 8.00am GMTV (1920885) 9.25 WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (8045750) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9855175)

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7.00 EMMERDALE (T) (1040) 7.30 CORONATION STREET (T) (663) 8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT Tonight's guest include Sir Anthony Hopkins, Anthea Turner, Antonio Banderas and Freddie Starr. (5953)



Stephanie Beacham on dating (9.00)

9.00 HOLLYWOOD LOVERS A host of stars provide a first-hand insight into the Tinseltown dating game (T) (5717)

10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Liberal Democrats (T) (940137) 10.05 NEWS (T) and weather (261972) 10.35 REGIONAL NEWS (826446)

10.45 WEST MATCH PLUS Highlights from the midweek sporting action (17041137) 11.40 HUNTER: Crossfire Hunter's plan to marry a former girlfriend is shattered when she is killed by a bullet he believes was meant for him (319446)

12.45am COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE CLUB New series Andrew Collins and Stuart Maconie present an oftbeat review of the latest film and video eleases (18489)

1.15 FILM: Convicted (1986) starring Lindsay Wagner, Carroll O'Connor and John Larroquette. A mail carner is wrongly convicted for the rape of three wome Five years into his sentence another man es to the crimes Following his exoneration, the innocent man demands to be declared fully innocent rather than simply pardoned. Directed by David Lowell Rich (650170)

3.00 THE CHART SHOW (r) (4754267) 3.55 Football Extra (r) (6865113) 4.30 The Time, The Place (r) (T) (69373) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (12977) 5.30 A CENTRAL As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (4032408) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8280750) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (440137) 10.45 CRIME STALKER (266069)

11.45 BEYOND REALITY (802156) 12.20mm COLLINS AND MACONIES'S MOVIE CLUB (9546606) 12.50 Film: FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER (1981). A comedy starring Jill Clayburgh and Walter Matthau, directed by Ronald

Neame (651373) 2.35 THE CHART SHOW (7989915) 3.30 DEAR NICK (25557)

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starring Cliff Robertson, Genevieve Bujold and John Lithgow Directed by Bran de Palma (161595)

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4.00 FRANCES BISSELL'S WEST COUNTRY KITCHEN (3/6) Featuring onental-spiced pork, cheese, wine and "rarebit" (T)(392)

4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (576) 5.00 RICKI LAKE (T) (9513514) 5.45 FOOD FILE (T) (606069)

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8 1997

Hill resigns as supporters plan matchday protest

Forest tumbling towards turmoil

THE troubles of Nottingham Forest deepened yesterday when Alan Hill, the general manager, ended his 25-year association with the club and walked out of the City Ground. He accused the shareholders who blocked a takeover bid on Monday night of putting their own interests before the club's, and offered a warning to Stuart Pearce. the caretaker player-manager, about the pitfalls of assembling a successful staff.
As Hill, hitherto one of the

most welcoming faces at the club, highlighted the spiralling decline that has sent Forest to nineteenth place in the FA Carling Premiership, supporters began to organise protests to be staged at the home game against Chelsea on Saturday.

On Monday night more than 50 supporters shouted abuse at shareholders leaving the extraordinary meeting after declining to give the necessary 75 per cent backing to an offer from a local

By Jason Nissé

SANDY ANDERSON, the

rail tycoon who supports

Rangers, yesterday said that

he was pulling out of the hattle for Nottingham Forest after his £13 million consor-

tium bid failed to win enough

shareholder support at an

extraordinary meeting on

This leaves the way open

for a rival bid from a group

including Nigel Wray, the

owner of Saracens rugby

club, Irving Scholar, the for-

mer chairman of Tottenham

Wray's business partner at the

property developer. Burford.

They are to unveil an offer to

pay Ell million into the club

immediately with an addi-

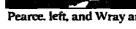
tional £4 million as a loan.

which will be voted on in

Anderson, to buy the club. Anderson would have made £13 million available to Pearce, but there would have been no immediate cash for shareholders.

The club must now wait until next month before considering a submission from a second consortium, which includes Nigel Wray, the man whose money has transformed Saracens rugby football club, and Irving Scholar. the former Tottenham Hot-





Anderson transfers interest

Anderson's bid team incl-

uded leading London and

Nottingham businessmen

and was backed by the mer-

chant bank, SBC Warburg.

"If I'm not wanted. I'll go and

find somewhere that I am

lion — in the form of an Ell million payment and a £4 million loan - straightaway. but also offer £13.546 to each shareholder who decided to sell his stake, bought for El.

Hill will be able to retain his

own share even though he is becoming an assistant to Frank Člark, in charge at Forest until three weeks ago, but now manager at Manchester City. Hill voted in favour of the Anderson bid. and confirmed that the share-

'When I was at school £13

million was more than Ell

The decision by a signifi-cant minority of Forest's 209 shareholders to reject a cer-tain offer in favour of a lower

bid not yet on the table

apparently hinged on what

proportion of the shares was

that it would take 95 per cent

of the company, while Wray's

group said it would only take

80 per cent and leave the rest

with the present shareholders.

losses put at £3 million a year.

neither side thinks that Forest

is in very good health

However, the Wrav team

also hinted at a flotation later

this season. City financiers who have looked at Forest's

books think that this is impos-

sible. "My local golf club has

Other possible bids, from

Grant Bovey, the video entre-

preneur, and a consortium of investors from the United

States, have also been

That Nigel Wray, a cricket

and rugby enthusiast, should

he interested in Forest is an

indication of the excitement

that the City has for national

sports. Celtic. Manchester

United and Caspian, which

owns Leeds United, were

among the dozen best-performing shares in 1996 and

Sunderland and West Brom-

wich Albion stormed ahead

on their florations. Southamp-

ton. Newcastle United and

Coventry City have all said

that they are coming to the

better accounting systems."

said one banker said.

mentioned.

The Anderson team said

to be left in their hands.

swing the balance towards him accepting an offer that Clark made three days ago. He said: "The 79 who voted

against [[[] were in favour] should stand up and say why they did it. If they are acting for the good of the club, then fair enough. If, as I think, they voted for their own gain, then it is a sad state of affairs. want to keep my share, but, if any money comes from it. I will give it back to the club for

youth development."

Anderson said: "We wanted all of the money to go to the club, but some of the shareholders wanted it to go into their pockets. They obviously have different principles."

Police are already bracing themselves for a difficult afternoon on Saturday. Chief Superintendent Eddie Curtis, the divisional commander responsible for football policing, said: "It is a high-profile game. we are aware of issues surrounding the bids and will take those into account."

When news broke last September that the club would be sold, it seemed unthinkable that the issue would remain unresolved in the new year. It will now outlast the pantomimes of Dick Whittington and Peter Pan that are about to finish their runs at the city's two theatres. Indeed, only the resurgence of the side in the five games since Pearce assumed the reins from Clark has prevented the issue degen-

erating further. Hill, though, became the first man to east doubt on Pearce when he said: "I have the impression that he did not want me. If he is going to take the job permanently, he will want his own people around him, but he needs experience as well. Where young managers make the mistake is by bringing in their friends, but ministrative side, they fall by. I hope he has the good sense to realise that."

He criticised the board for removing Fred Reacher as chairman after the annual meeting last October, citing that decision as "the first mistake". Reacher appeared relaxed vesterday as he sat at the back of the trophy room where Hill spoke to the press. In contrast, Irving Korn, his successor, cut a distressed figure after the meeting on Monday, barely able to read a prepared statement calling for a swift resolution to the issue.

Pearce appears to be thriving on the challenge and is likely to accept the manager's post for the remainder of the season. "The extra responsibility has not affected my game so far." he said, denying that Nigel Clough, on loan from City, would be his assistant. "Losing Alan is a real blow and I am surprised he thought I did not want him. As for the takeover, I try to distance myself from what is going on hehind the scenes." That is becoming more difficult with each day.



IN AUCKLAND

IT NEVER rains on Michael Atherton, the England captain, at the moment, but it absolutely tips it down on his head. He went to bed on Monday afternoon jet lagged, woke up in the early hours of Tuesday morning, was unable to sleep throughout the rest of a wretched night, went to the gym just to pass the time, and never got above half-awake all

day.
With a certain weariness, he pottered along to the Ericsson Stadium, the home of Auckland Warriors rugby league team, to take part in a benefit match under floodlights for Danny Morrison, the New Zealand fast bowler who was a team-mate of Atherton's at Lancashire in 1992. Perhaps he should never have left his hotel room, because he was caught in the deep by the only

woman playing in the match. It was not a proper match by any accepted standards, Bowlers walked up to the stumps off three paces, fielders stopped the ball with their feet, and a cast list that included Sir Richard Hadiee. Allan Border, Mery Hughes and Aravinda De Silva was turning out for a lark.

Atherton, slogging out in a manner contrary to his natural game, gave a catch in the deep to Emily Drumm, 25, a member of the New Zealand women's cricket team. The successful bowler was Ofisa

Tonu'u, one of the rugby league players in the motley It was no fun for Atherton,

but provided tremendous entertainment for the crowd. Supplied with their Danny Morrison "duck-callers", a convincing-sounding mouth-piece named after one of cricket's great No lls and the onal king of the scoreless innings, the spectators quack-quacked the England captain back to the dressingroom. It really was a bit of a circus and, for those few

Simon Barnes . Taylor's trials

moments, Atherton wore the reddest nose

He is not downcast about life; far from it. Atherton looks and sounds healthy and happy, even in these dark days when he might be excused a touch of self-doubt. "I am thoroughly enjoying my cricket," he said, "and I'm looking forward to the New Zealand part of the winter tour. It is a pleasant place and the people are friendly. It should be a

good trip."
As for his batting form, which deserted him in Zimbabwe, he is concerned but not alarmed. "There is no magic formula to putting it right except a good, strong attitude and hard work," he said.

"I've not been playing well for a year now and there are but I'm working hard at correcting some faults. It played against her in the 1993 World Cup, which we won, and last summer, when New won't be for want of trying." As Atherton prepared for his evening's light entertain-Zealand came over here and

ment, other members of the England party went up-river on a boat. After two days off, "Since the World Cup she has been devastating teams virtually on her own. She is a they practise today at Eden powerful strokemaker, a more Gardens before travelling to than useful swing bowler and the one-day match against an

Invitation XI on Friday.

erton should feel no shame.

Drumm said: "I suppose it was unlucky the catch went to For one night, then, Drumm me. It wouldn't have mattered became a star of sorts if it had been someone else. It's a nice honour to catch out always accepting that, to be Mike Atherton, but I mis-judged the ball and nearly caught by a woman in a beer match, amounts to "himiliation". According to Barbara wore it in the gob." Daniels, the vice-captain of the England women's team and

He hasn't been the happiest executive director of the Womchap out there today and it. en's Cricket Association, Athhaven't seen him smiling too. much, but he's probably got a "On her day, Emily is one of lot on his mind at thethe best women's players in

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Villeneuve puts brake on Hill's title defence

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF JACQUES VILLENEUVE, of

Canada, who finished runnerup to Damon Hill in the Formula One world championship last season, has dismissed Hill's chances of similar success in 1997 and believes that this time he will guone better and take the title. Because Hill is now with a new team. TWR Arrows, Villeneuve does not rate his chances so highly. Last season, with Villeneuve threatening to pounce, the title went to a final, thailing race in Japan.

which Hill won. Vilieneuve visterday told BBC Radio 5 Liver 1 don't think he's going to be an opponent, but he is very good. It's just I don't think the whole package is ready to win -

"I am going in with the championship in mind. There is only one spot petter I can go and I will have to work hard to make sure I get that spot." Villeneuve has already tried

changes suggested by him.

He believes that the tough-

ulthough I'm sure they could surprise us once in a while. the season ahead.

out his new car, which has been adapted, with several

est competition will come from Heinz-Harald Frentzen, his team-mate, and Michael Schumacher's Ferrari.

"Heinz will be a tough adversary. I'm pretty stire Michael Schumacher will be very tough to beat as well, and you never know what's going to happen with the McLarens and the Benettons, so it's going to be a tough championship," he said.
"From another ream.

Ferrari will be the opposition. the one we will have to work Villeneuve said that, if he

did manage to win the title, he would not spend much time dwelling on his achievement. "It would be great," he said, "but, a week later, you would forget about it and think about

"It's what happened after winning the Indy 500 and the IndyCar championship. You can't just sit on what you have done for months, and live on

Hill's new Arrows car is to be unveiled at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham tomorrow.

Weather holds sport in unrelenting grip

By JOHN GOODBODY

BOTH the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final games scheduled to be played last night were postponed as the severe weather continued to take its toll of sporting events. The match between Stockport County and Southampton was called off yesterday morning after a severe overnight frost had left the Edgeley Park pitch unplayable. The other tie. between Ipswich Town and Leicester City, was postponed

on Monday. John Sainty, Stockport's assistant manager, said that Richard Poulain, the referee, took only 30 seconds to make his decision. Sainty added that Graeme Souness, the Southampton manager, who last Saturday was furious that their FA Cup game at Reading had been allowed to go ahead. "did not push for a decision one way or the other. Nobody swayed anyone and Graeme was happy to accept the referee's ruling.

Racing has again been hadly affected by snow and frost. The meetings at Kelso and Plumpton today have been abandoned, making it the tenth successive day that there has been no turf action. The prospects for jump rac-

ing tomorrow already look bleak. The meeting at Wincanton has been abandoned and there will be an inspection at Wetherby early today. The bookmaking industry, which says that it lost £1 million during Christmas week, now estimates that it is losing £500,000 a week. The President's Putter, due

to start tomorrow at Rye Golf Club, has been postponed. The amateur event, for members of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society, will now take place from February 21 to 24. Held early each year, the Putter is often affected by badweather. The last time it was cancelled was 1978, but, as recently as 1993, the final was abandoned because of high winds after only five holes had

been played. Clifford Weight, the secretary of the society, said: "There are three inches of snow on some parts of the fairways, so it would be impossible not to lose the ball. The forecast is bad. No thaw is due."

